

# Christmas at Dillard

## Sing-Off and Christmas Tree Lighting

The Dillard University sing-off and tree lighting which took place before the Christmas break was an exciting event on campus. The competition began with various residence halls challenging each other and campus organizations. From Williams Hall to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dillard was treated to an evening of amazing singing. The competi-

tion was stiff, but Hartzell Hall emerged victorious singing "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Spread Love on Christmas Day." Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. captured second place, with Williams Hall taking a close third. Following the sing-off, members of the Dillard community held a candlelight ceremony to celebrate the holidays and ring in the new year.



▲ Junior **April Nobles**, Sophomore **Myla Patterson**, Junior **Kesha Matthews**, Senior **Angela Dennis**, and Senior **Shirlean McEwen** competing on behalf of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



▲ Dillard University's Christmas tree.



▲ Dean **Patrick Jefferson** begins the sing-off competition with words for the audience.



▲ **Rachel Lomax** carefully holds her candle after it was lit during the Christmas ceremony.



▲ Members of the Concert Choir led the crowd in many Christmas selections honoring the holidays.

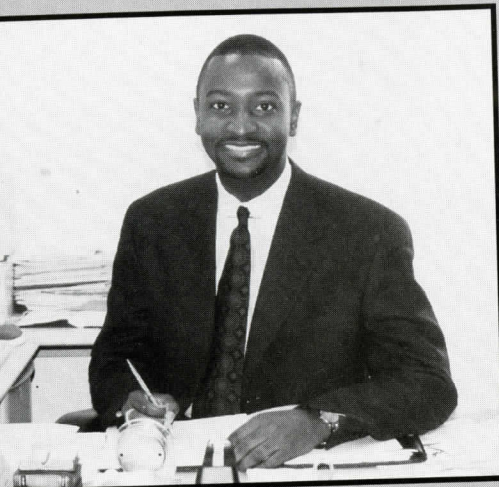


► Members of the University and Concert Choirs take a break between selections.





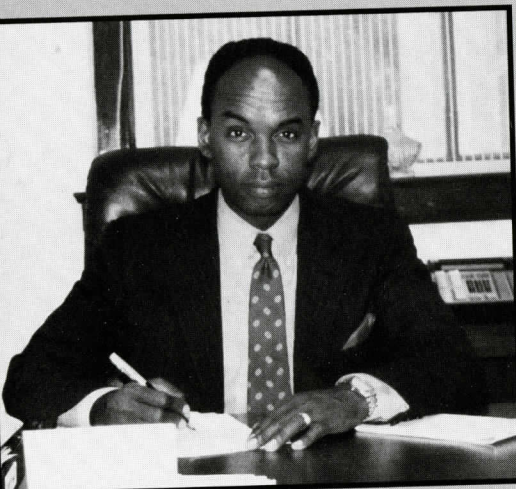
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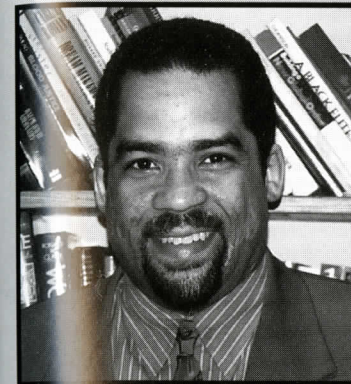
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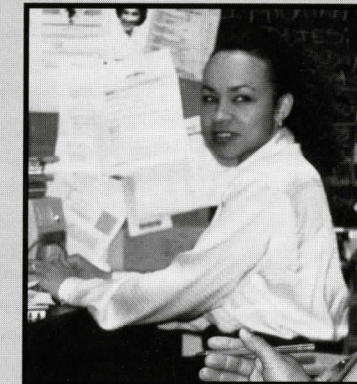
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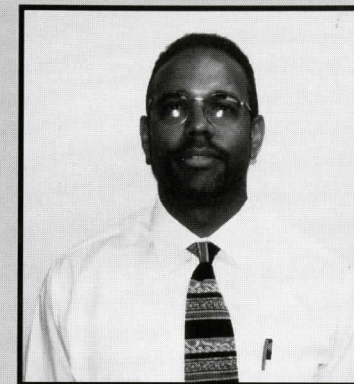
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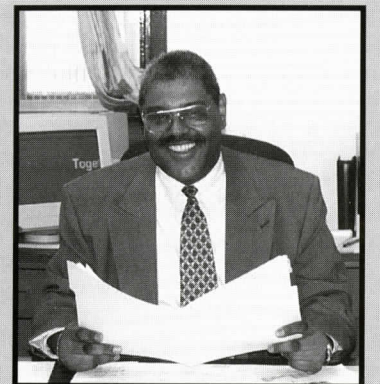
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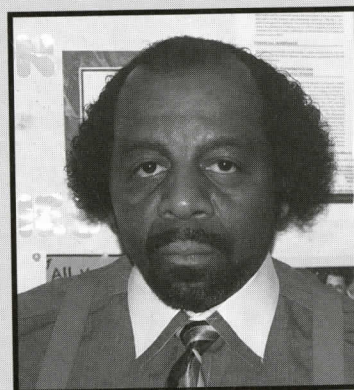
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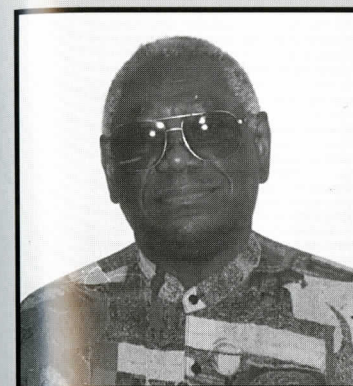
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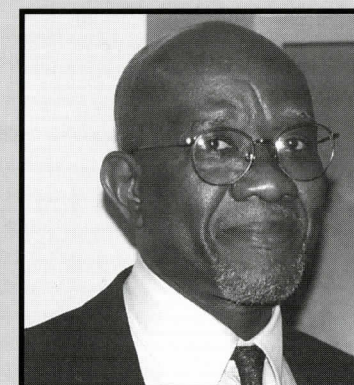
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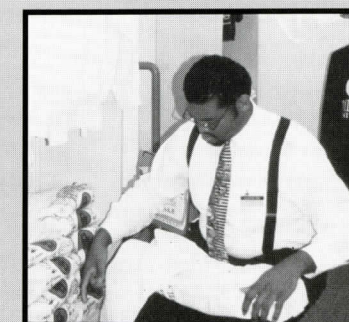


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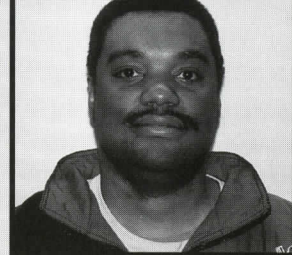
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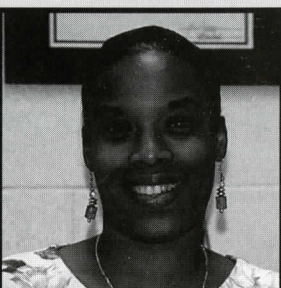
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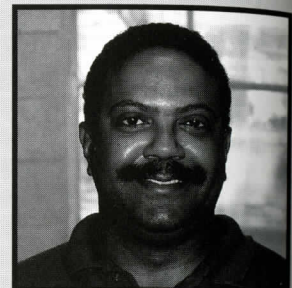
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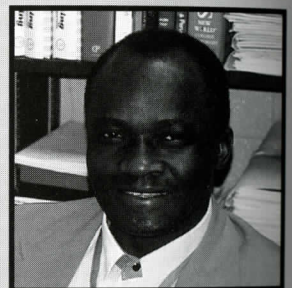
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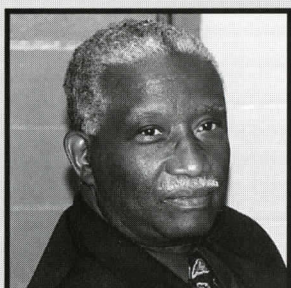
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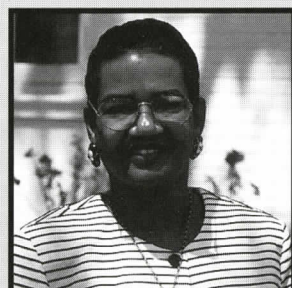
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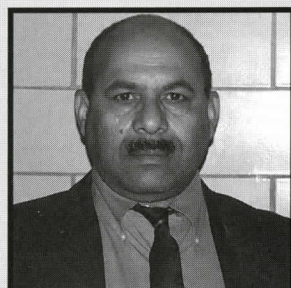
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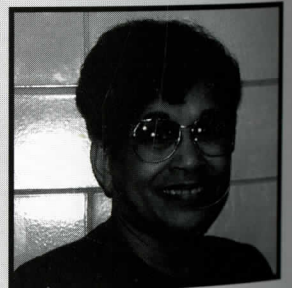
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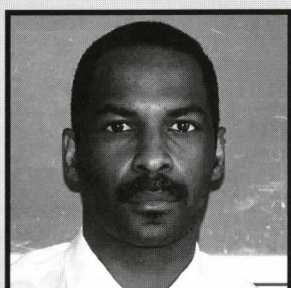
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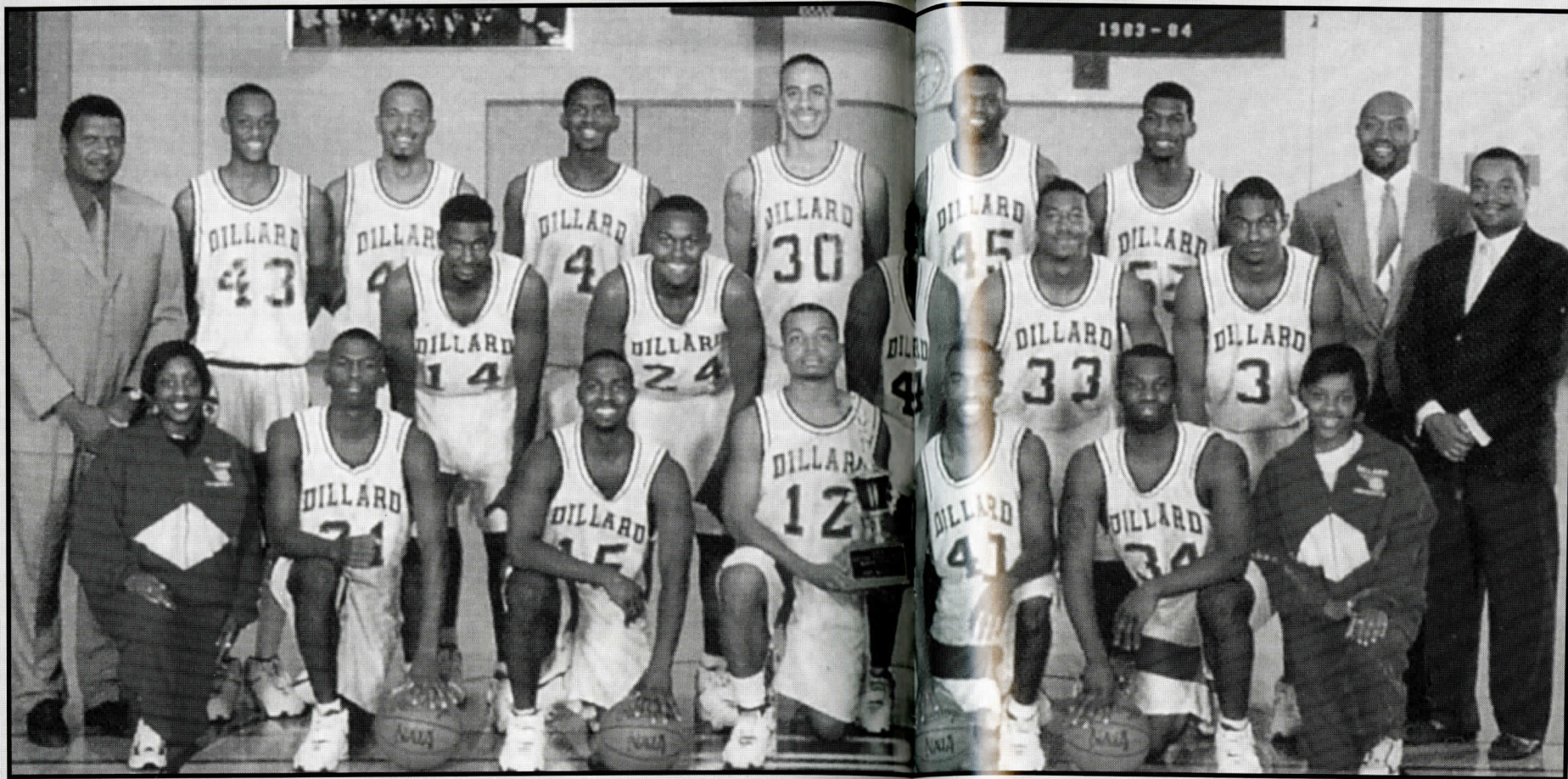
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**Dillard's Dream Team 1997-98** (From Bottom Left to Right) Toshira McCoy, Manager; Zachary Williams, Kedric Walls, to Right) Sean Carter, Otis Anderson, Kenneth Scott, Cornell Barbain, Kalis Abdul-Raqeeb, Mark Cook, Assistant Coach. Desmond Rodney, Edgar Thomas, Tenaris Ford, and Eugene Thomas, Assistant Coach.

William Hobbs, Ted Thomas, Alton Celestine, E'Dwina Williams, Manager. (From Center Left to Right) Jerry Loyd, Coach; Xavian Harrison, Sean Semple, Jerome Sandifer,



▲ Sophomore **Desmond Rodney (#30)** soars above a crowd during the SUNO- Dillard game. Rodney, whose outlook for the year, according to Coach Jerry Loyd, “has the potential to be our starting center and a major force in our conference.” Look for Rodney to make more starring appearances in the Blue Devil defense plan.

BLUE DEVIL

#3	Kalis Abdul-Raqeeb	Jr.
#4	Jerome Sandifer	Fr.
#12	William Hobbs	Soph.
#14	Sean Carter	Sr.
#15	Kedric Walls	Soph.
#21	Zack Williams	Fr.
#24	Otis Anderson	Sr.
#30	Desmond Rodney	Soph.
#33	Cornell Barbain	Sr.
#34	Alton Celestine	Fr.
#40	Ted Thomas	Soph.
#42	Sean Semple	Sr.
#43	Xavian Harrison	Fr.
#44	Kenneth Scott	Sr.
#45	Edgard Thomas	Sr.
#55	Tenaris Ford	Fr.

TEAM STATISTICS

Birmingham, AL	6'5	Forward
Dallas, TX	6'6	Forward
Aurora, IL	5'11	Guard
New Orleans, LA	6'4	Guard
McComb, MS	6'1	Guard
New Orleans, LA	6'1	Guard
Memphis, TN	6'6	Forward
New Roads, LA	6'9	Center
New Orleans, LA	6'4	Guard
Houma, LA	6'3	Guard
Piney Woods, MS	6'3	Guard
Georgetown, Guyana	6'7	Forward
Dallas, TX	6'7	Guard
Houston, TX	6'5	Forward
Georgetown, Guyana	6'8	Center
Dallas, TX	6'7	Center

1997-98 Men's Schedule

11/5	Selma University
11/7	Houston Baptist College
11/8	Jarvis Christian College
11/10	Arkansas Baptist College
11/15	Huston-Tillotson College
11/18	Paul Quinn College
1/3	Auburn Univ.-Montgomery
1/10	Belhaven College *
1/17	University of Mobile *
1/24	Xavier University-N.O. *
1/29	Loyola University-N.O. *
2/2	Southern University-N.O. *
2/5	Louisiana College *
2/12	William Carey College
2/16	Tougaloo College

From the state of Alabama to the state of Texas, the Dillard University Blue Devils have definitely proven themselves as a force to be reckoned with. Under the direction of Coach Jerry Loyd for the third consecutive year, the Blue Devils have risen beyond the typical Gulf Coast Athletic Conference hype and soared to provide breathtaking performances for its audiences throughout the year. The Dillard Blue Devils lost several heart-breaking games in the final seconds, which kept them from winning a third consecutive GCAC championship. Nevertheless, the Blue Devils finished their regular season with 19 wins and 13 losses with a record of 11 wins and 7 losses in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. The Blue Devils had difficulty coping with a late-striking injury bug. Senior Guard Cornell Barbain, a team leader and offensive sparkplug, suffered a broken bone in his hand and was lost for several key games. Sophomore Guard William Hobbs was slowed by a lower back injury. “We asked our five remaining seniors to step up and they did a great job,” said Coach Jerry Loyd, who has led the Blue Devils to two consecutive GCAC conference championships. Last-second losses to Southern University-New Orleans and Xavier University cost the Blue Devils their chance to repeat as conference champs. “We fought every step of the way,” said Coach Loyd. “Every game seemed to go down to the wire. Our players really appreciated our great fans and their tremendous support.” With six seniors leaving the Blue Devil legacy, the squad is predicted to have a renaissance season for the 1998-99 year, with several rookie athletes gaining the opportunity to step forward. (Sources: “Dillard Today” and “The Basketball Guide” publications.)



# Lady Blue Devil Basketball

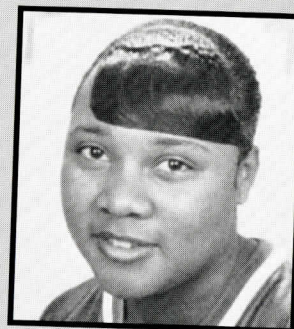
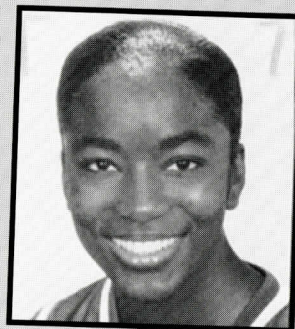
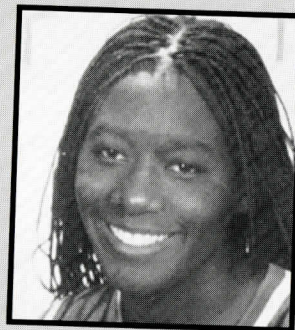


Dillard's Lady Blue Devils (From Bottom Left to Right) Jacinta Oweno, Kennetta Murray, Tracey Connor, LaQuoya Jones, and Tiffney Speights. (From Center Left to Right) Veyond Williams, Tammy Peterson, Enola Gabriel, and Erica Lipscomb. (From Top Left to Right) Erika Rodriguez, Keisha Jones, Que Nash, Kotrina Peterson, and Nikki Dismuke (not pictured: Apris Johnson).

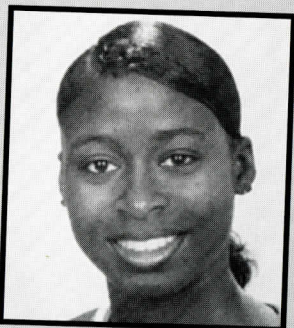
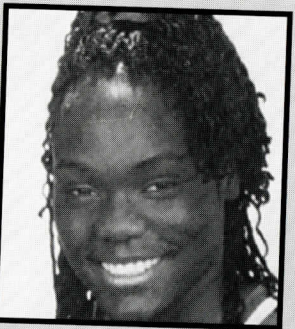
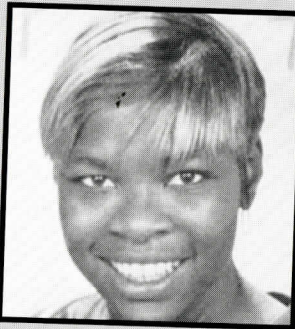
## LADY BLUE DEVIL TEAM STATISTICS

#10	Erica Lipscomb	Junior	Sacramento, CA	5'9	Forward
#12	Jacinta Oweno	Sophomore	Nakuru, Kenya	5'5	Guard
#14	LaQuoya Una Jones	Freshman	Heidelberg, MS	5'7	Guard
#20	Enola Gabriel	Freshman	Lafayette, LA	5'8	Forward
#22	Tiffney Speights	Freshman	Wallisville, TX	5'8	Forward
#24	Tracey Connor	Freshman	Merryville, LA	5'9	Guard
#30	Kennetta Murray	Freshman	Dallas, TX	5'9	Guard
#33	Veyond Williams	Freshman	LaPlace, LA	5'8	Guard
#34	Nikki Dismuke	Sophomore	Lake Providence, LA	5'11	Forward
#40	Kotrina Peterson	Junior	Flint, MI	6'1	Center
#42	Keisha Jones	Sophomore	Morgan City, LA	6'0	Center
#44	Erika Rodriguez	Sophomore	Marizales, Colombia	5'11	Forward
#54	Que Nash	Junior	New Orleans, LA	6'1	Center

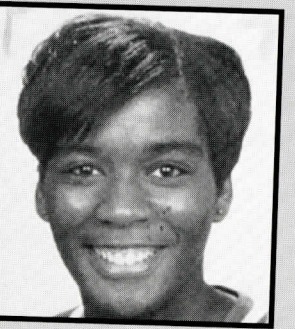
In a season filled with challenges and adversity, the Lady Blue Devils showed courage, determination, and tenacity. With Head Coach Leslie Harris resigning during the season and Interim Head Coach Mark Cook picking up the reins, the Lady Blue Devils kept their composure and their fighting spirit. The team heads into its stretch run of Gulf Coast Athletic Conference games with an overall record of 14-17 and 8-10 in the GCAC. The Lady Blue Devils were led by Junior Center Que Nash, who led the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference in rebounding and led the team in scoring. Others who played well include Junior Guard Erica Lipscomb, Sophomore Guard Jacinta Oweno, Sophomore Forward Nikki Dismuke, Sophomore Center Keisha Jones, Sophomore Forward Erika Rodriguez, and Sophomore Forward Apris Johnson. "We've had players injured and players hit by illness," said Coach Cook. "But the girls have been terrific. They're smart, cheerful, and hard workers. I feel we're building something good here." With the entire squad being underclassmen, the Lady Blue Devils have a chance to build upon the abundance of talent already present. Look for the team's six freshmen to make a dramatic impact on the squad during the 1998-99 season. (Source: "The Basketball Guide" and "Dillard Today" publications.)



Erica Lipscomb  
Jacinta Oweno  
LaQuoya Jones  
Enola Gabriel



Tracey Connor  
Kennetta Murray  
Veyond Williams  
Nikki Dismuke



Kotrina Peterson  
Keisha Jones  
Erika Rodriguez  
Que Nash

## 1997-98 Lady Blue Devil Home Schedule

1/8 Jarvis Christian College	1/10 Belhaven College*	2/5 Louisiana College*
1/18 Paul Quinn College	1/17 University of Mobile*	2/12 William Carey College*
11/26 Stillman College	1/24 Xavier University- New Orleans*	2/16 Tougaloo College*
12/16 Lawrence University	1/29 Loyola University- New Orleans*	2/19 Spring Hill College*
12/18 Concordia University	2/2 Southern University-New Orleans*	

\*= Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Games



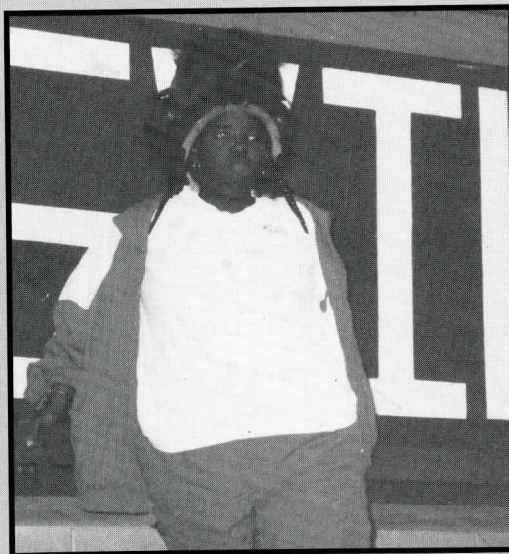
# The Never Ending Spirit.....



**Dillard University Cheerleading Squad** (From Bottom Left to Right) **Kimberly Jenkins, Sheila Williams**; Captain, and **Monique Matthews**; Co-Captain. (From Center Left to Right) **Monique Bell, Janice Burrell**; Sponsor, and **DeCobia Gray**. (From Top Left to Right) **Terrence Jackson, Virginia Miller, Tante Chatman, Tamicha Roberts, Brandi Bradford, and Marsha Bean**; Mascot.

Whether it is making the crowd move by doing the wave or performing the latest dance moves, the Dillard University Cheerleading Squad has definitely allowed the Blue Devil Spirit to shine through. Under the direction of Ms. Janice Burrell, the squad has remained extremely active throughout the year travelling with the Men's and Women's Basketball Team. This year, the squad dazzled crowds with numerous cheers, chants, smiles, stunts, and formations. Led by Sophomore Captain Sheila Williams and Sophomore Co-Captain Monique Bell, the Blue Devil squad has made a complete renaissance this year with new uniforms, faces, and cheers. With six of the eleven squad members being freshmen and the other five

being sophomores, the squad will hopefully keep its current members and recruit even more to continue the never-ending spirit that the Blue Devils continue to move the crowd with.



▲ "The Devil Underneath The Mask," Sophomore **Marsha Bean**, prepares to set up the enemy for the kill as she spots someone from "School X."



▲ Sophomore Captain **Sheila Williams**, Sponsor **Janice Burrell**, and Sophomore Co-Captain **Monique Bell** take the time to pose for a quick snapshot.



▲ Performing one of their various formations, the squad prepares to dazzle the crowd before a basketball game.



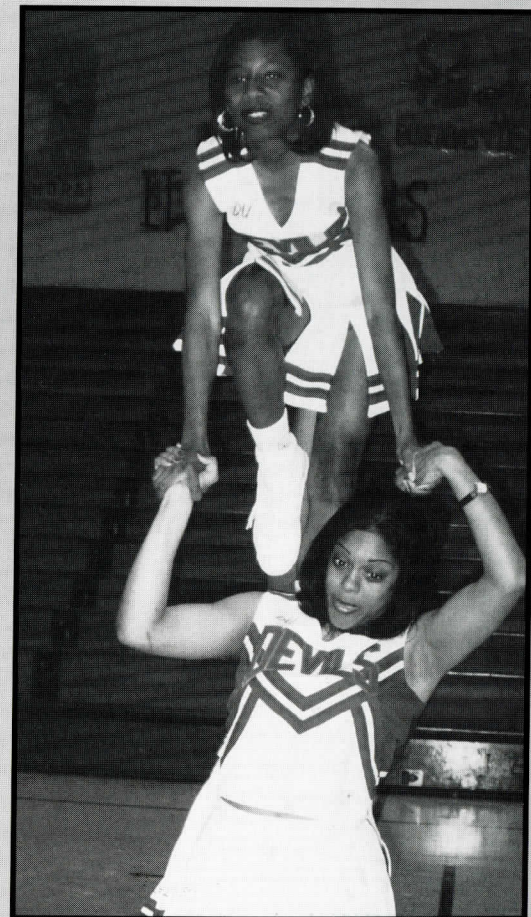
▲ Sophomore **DeCobia Gray** turns away in disgust after Freshman **Terrence Jackson** explains to Sophomore **Monique Bell** that he won't be participating in stunts anymore. (**Terrence** also found himself quickly ambushed by the other squad members, so he gave in to their demands.)



▲ As we all know, practice makes perfect. After putting in long, tiring hours of sweating, smiling, and screaming, the Blue Devil Cheerleading Squad proves that hard work does pay off.



▲ For anyone who has ever been to a Dillard Basketball game, they have most likely witnessed mascot **Marsha Bean** get a bit out of control. Ms. **Janice Burrell** gives **Marsha** a little lecture on behavior before the Xavier/Dillard game.



▲ Freshman **Monique Williams** (on top) and Freshman **Brandi Bradford** (on bottom) make several attempts to perfect a stunt.



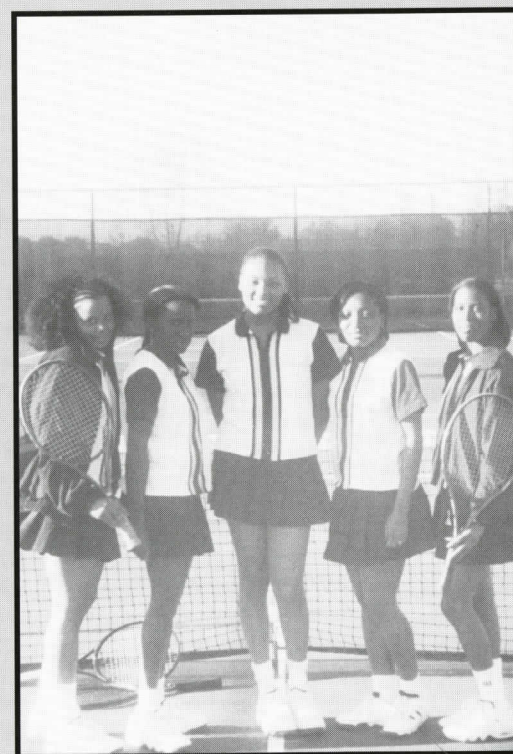
# Dillard University Tennis

The Dillard University Tennis team had a tough season. Despite having talented veterans and promising freshmen, the squad had a year that to many, may have looked bad, but Coach James Branche was not rattled. "We competed in one of the toughest tennis conferences in the country," Branche says. According to Branche, three of the eight Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) teams are ranked nationally. The University of Mobile has won the national tennis championship three times in the last five years. Other perennial tennis powerhouses include conference rivals William Carey College, Belhaven College, and Spring Hill College, all who are among the top twenty-five programs in the NAIA. Coach Branche still remains optimistic. Dillard's men's team recently notched its first victory of the season with a 9-0 sweep of Xavier University. The men's team boasted an excellent squad of eight guys, says Branche, led by senior Kevin Carter. Senior Jamone Turner is also another team leader whose serve has been clocked at nearly 100 mph. The women's team, which dropped a 5-4 decision to Xavier, led by junior Nicole Benford and freshmen Kaliya Session. The GCAC season began in late January and ended in late April.

Source: "Courtbouillon" newspaper publication.  
(Volume 1, Issue 4; April / May 1998)



▲ Dillard's Tennis Team 1997-98 (From Bottom Left to Right) **Richard Gray**, Trainer, **Kaliya Session**, **Waynetta Frost**, **Nicole Benford**, **Diana Buford**, and Coach **James Branche**. (From Top Left to Right) **Jamone Turner**, **Kevin Carter**, **Lamika Anderson**, **Gray Hall**, **Kendal Mortimer**, **Keanon Boddie**, and **Alphonse Mendy** (Not Pictured: *Angela Anderson*, *Brandy Stewart*, and *Duhran Wilson*).



▲ Wimbledon isn't ready for these five young ladies: Freshman **Kaliya Session**, Freshman **Waynetta Frost**, Sophomore **Lamika Anderson**, Junior **Nicole Benford**, and Junior **Diana Buford** take the time to pose for a quick snapshot.



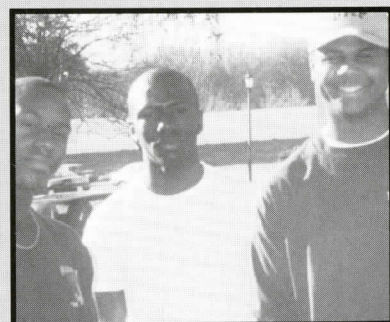
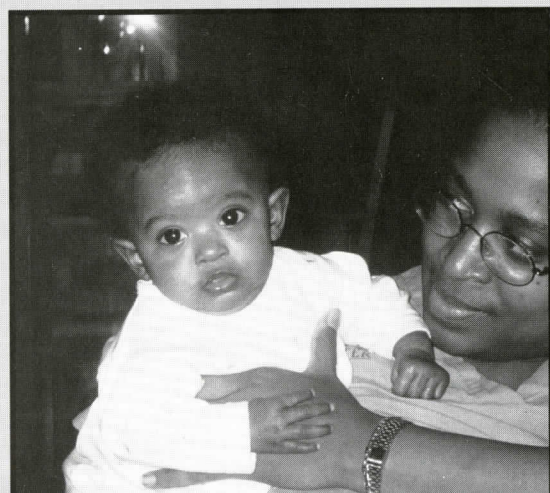
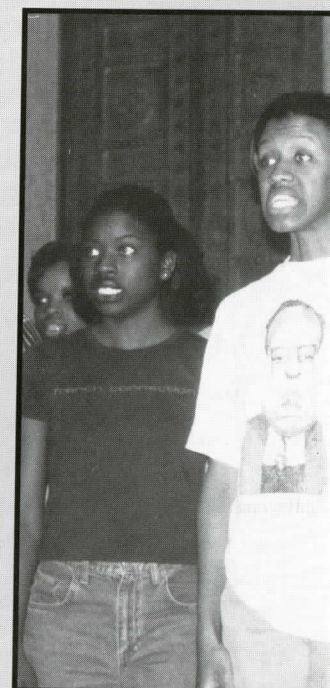
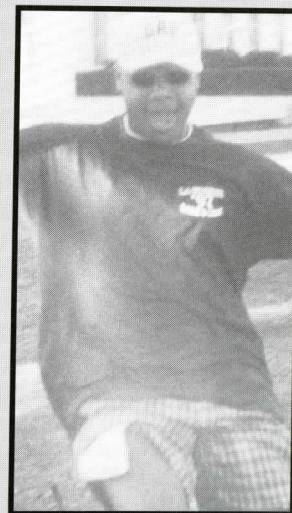
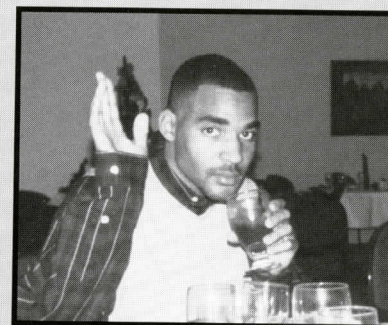
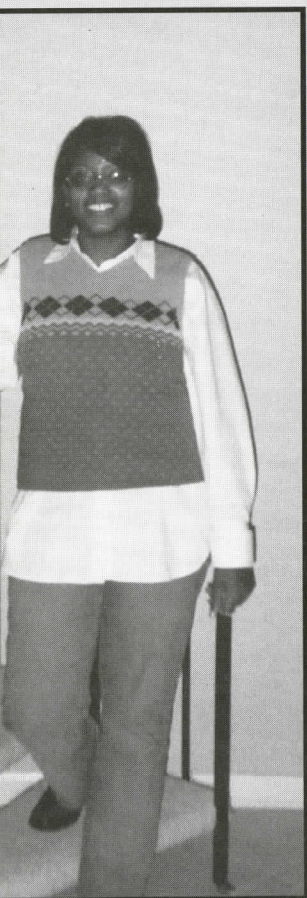
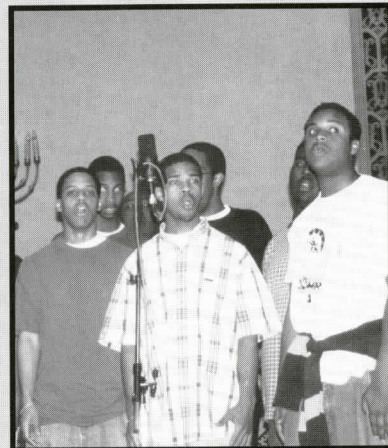
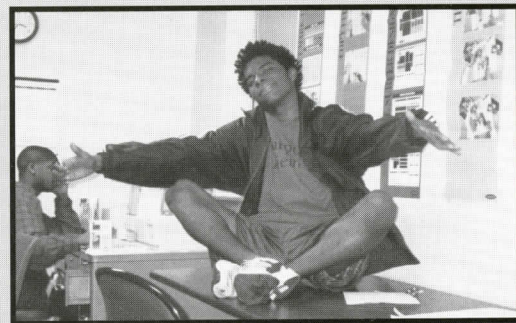
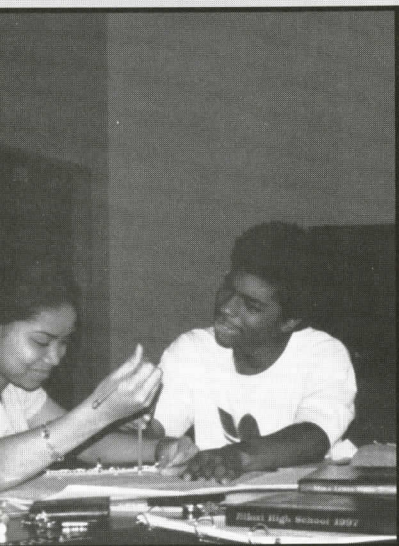
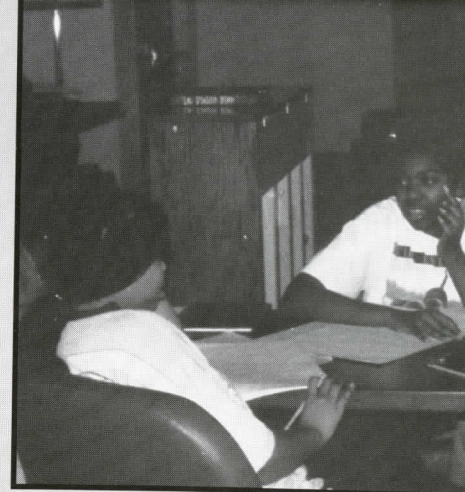
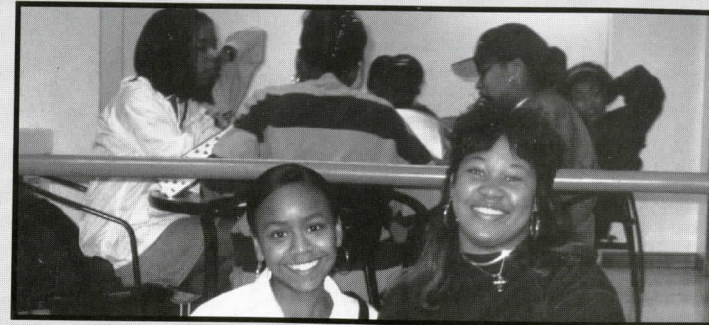
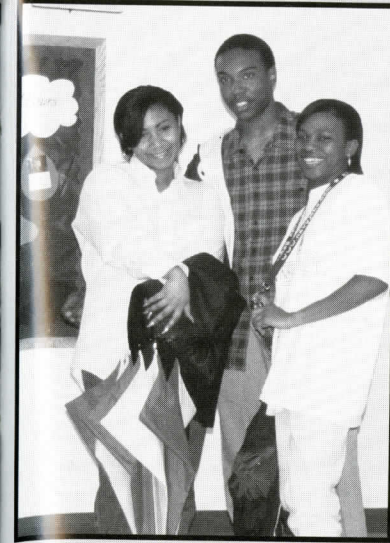
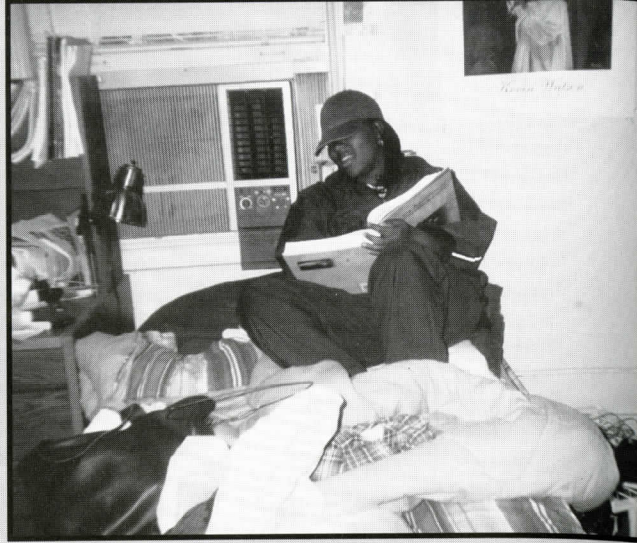
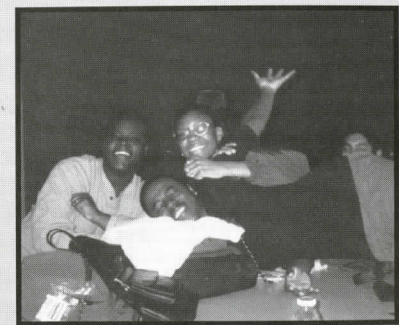
▲ Behind excellent women athletes lies six dedicated young men: Senior **Jamone Turner**, Senior **Kevin Carter**, Junior **Kendal Mortimer**, Freshman **Keanon Boddie**, Freshman **Gray Hall**, and Junior **Alphonse Mendy**.



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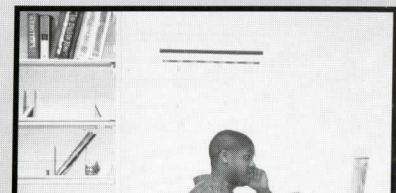
Wait just a minute! What are organizations without the students that make them up? So to all the people that make up not only the organizations on campus, but make up Dillard University itself...enjoy (and try to find yourself)!



"Gleaming white and spacious green"...hmm then where do all of the potholes figure in?



"Where men are men and men are free"...hmmm, then where do the 75% of Dillard's females figure in?







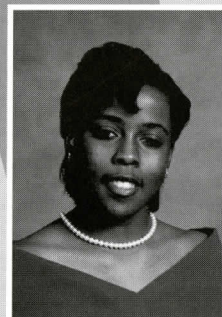
# Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



▲ A few Devastating Divas of Delta's Beta Gamma chapter: (seated from left to right) Ronda Jones, Kimya Babers, Kesha Matthews, Quaneshia Hunt, Tara Garnett, Artansia Wilson, Ashanti Lewis, Iranell Williams, Nicole Benford, Ruth Noel, Leslie Taylor (standing from left to right) Brandy High, Marsha Bean, Tracee Thompson, DeVaria Hudson, Tiffany Joffrion, Latasha Cole, Shelia Williams, Joy Alexander (back), Lisa Beckley, Dana Duncan, Hope White, Chibuzor Rice, and Tamara Middleton.

In January of 1913 on the campus of Howard University, 22 revolutionary women founded the organization Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.. These women were concerned with many issues, particularly those concerning the well-being of the world. Therefore, the Alpha chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority committed themselves to community service and strove to pass the same principles and ideals to those who would follow in their prestigious footsteps. Throughout history, the women of Delta have demonstrated their commitment to serve their fellow man through word, deed, and action. When looking at Dillard's Beta Gamma chapter, established in 1937, it is evident that the same principles emphasized by Delta Sigma Theta's founder's are met and surpassed every day.

est. 1913



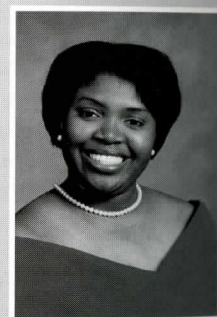
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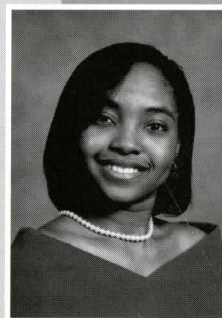
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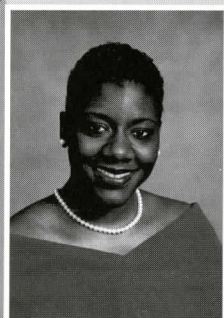
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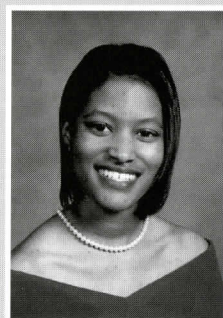
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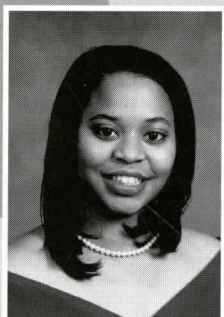
Tracee Thompson



Andrea Dandridge



Tameika Alford



Iranell Williams



Shelia Williams



Tareze Fontenot

## A Few of the Many Prominent Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated:

Carol Moseley-Braun  
In 1992 this woman made history by becoming the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

Aretha Franklin  
Also known as the "Queen of Soul," this Delta has generated more than 15 chart-busting songs.

Lena Horne  
For more than 60 years, this woman has performed all over the country using her dynamic singing voice.

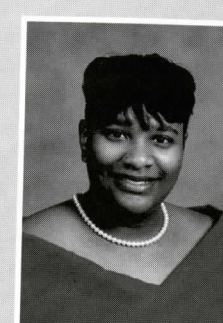
Johnetta B. Cole  
Former President of Spelman College—one of the nation's foremost historically Black universities.



Shirlean McEwen



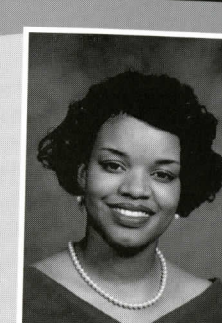
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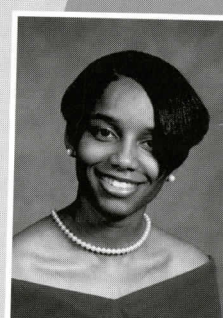
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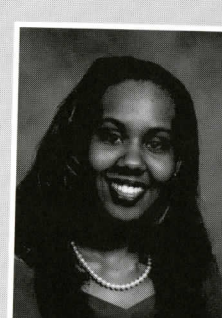
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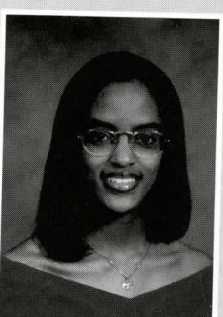
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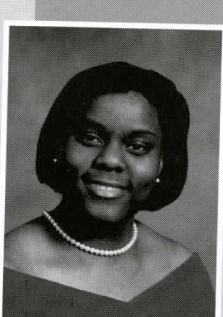
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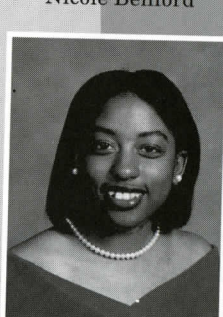
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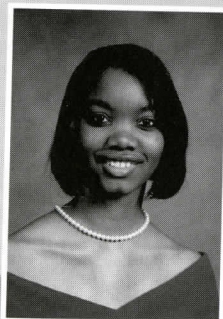
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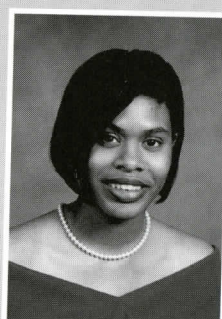
Dana Duncan



Schandalita Deggs



Tiffany Joffrion



Chibuzor Rice



Hope White



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"In Delta there is a saying that states, 'Not all great women are Delta's, but all Delta women are great.' Being a part of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. means being immensely devoted to an extremely unique sisterhood. It takes a great woman to be able to look outside of herself and see the needs of others, and I believe that this perfectly describes all Delta women!"

-Andrea Dandridge  
Class of 1998

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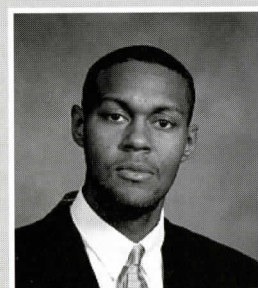


# Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**E**stablished at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was the first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity established for students of African-American descent. Since 1945, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has been intergrated, and now has approximately 800 chapters located in the U.S., Caribbean islands, and Africa. The Beta Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha located on Dillard's campus was founded in 1938, and today still follows the ideals of closeness, brotherhood, and community service established by their founders.



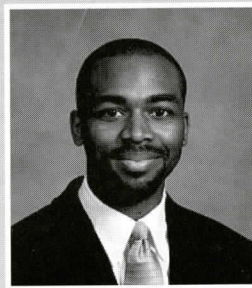
▲ The men of Alpha Phi Alpha's Beta Phi chapter (Bottom left to right): **Ray Humphrey II, Napoleon Bracy, and Randell Donald.** (Top left to right) **Jamal Green, James Alford, Leslie Elliard, Walter Tillman, and Mario Lewis.**



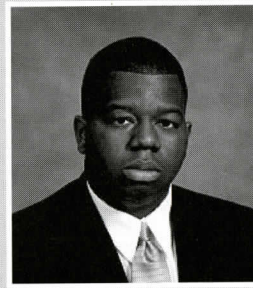
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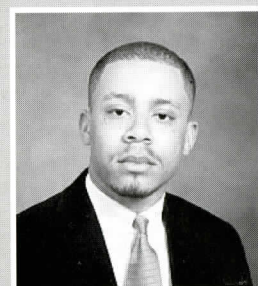
Mario Lewis



Leonardo Brown



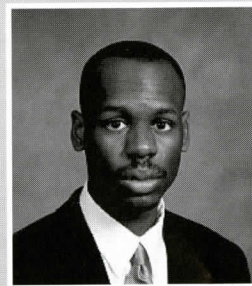
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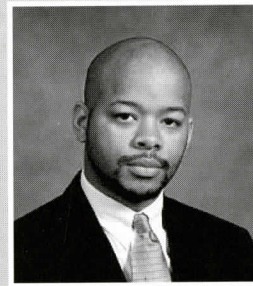
Walter T. Tillman, Jr.



Victor Robinson



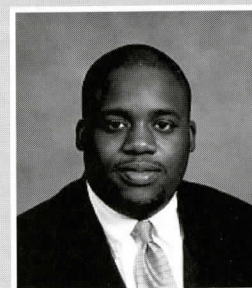
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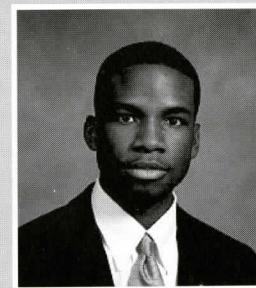
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Shelby R. Lazenby



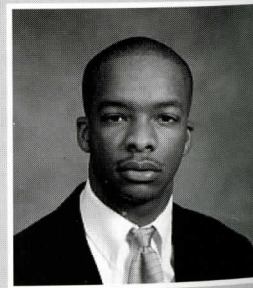
LilCharles M. Ladd



Randell Donald



Napoleon Bracy, Jr.



Nelson Demery III

## Distinguished Men of ΑΦΑ:

Eddie Robinson  
Kennan Ivory Wayans  
Jesse Owens  
Lionel Richie  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
W.E.B. DuBois  
Thurgood Marshall  
Honorable Marc H. Morial

## Alpha Facts:

60% of all Black Male Doctors,  
75% of all Black Male Lawyers,  
65% of all Black Male Dentists, &  
95% of all HBCU Male Presidents  
are members of Alpha Phi  
Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

## Founders of ΑΦΑ:

Henry A. Callis    Nathaniel A. Murray    George B. Kelley    Vertner W. Tandy



# Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

## Founders of ΣΓΡ:

Mary Lou Allison Gardner Little  
"Torch and the First Rose"  
Nanny Mae Gahn Johnson  
Bessie Downey Martin  
Cubena McClure  
Dorothy Hanley Whiteside  
Vivian White Marbury  
Hattie Mae Dulin Redford

## Did you know...

...that the ΣΓΡ flower was a Yellow  
Tea Rose?

or

...that their colors are royal blue  
and antique gold?

**O**n November 12, 1922 at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, the first Sigma Gamma Rho chapter was brought to life. Incorporated in December of 1929, Sigma Gamma Rho now has more than 400 undergraduate and graduate chapters throughout the United States. Dillard's Omicron chapter was also founded in the same year as the organization, and continues to focus on community service and sisterhood. Sigma Gamma Rho's commitment to service is expressed in the slogan "Greater Service, Greater Progress."



Angamaria Young



Yolande Wilson



Corice Williams



Melissa Jacquet



Melanie Delahouie



Monique P. Brimmer

"To me, being a member of Sigma Gamma Rho means possessing knowledge, having strong inner strength, and descending from a legacy of elegance."

-Corice Williams  
Class of 1998



▲ Dillard University's Sigma Gamma Rho's (from left to right): **Corice Williams, Melanie Delahouie, Melissa Jacquet, Angamaria Young, Yolande Wilson, and Monique P. Brimmer.**





# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



▲ A few of the Lovely Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha's Beta Upsilon chapter (from left to right): (kneeling) Toyonna Robbins, Rhesa Lee, Nicole Nickerson, Toni McCullum, Twala Williams, Michelle Smith, Geri Robinson, (seated) Lyisha Johnson, Meca Pierre, Ebony Shelton, Stacy Davis, Kronsky Kennon, Torri Buckles, Syreeta Williams, Michelle Harris, Adria Tippins, Erika Jackson, (standing) Raschanda Hall, Kia Bruce, Nichole Hope, Cindy Moffett, Patrice N. Lacy, Katrice Price, Drucilla Chevis, Tedra Wilson, Tonia Smith, and Ocpivia Johnson.

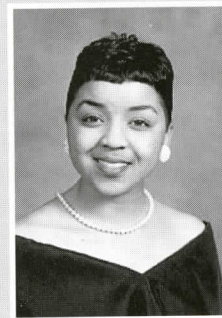
It was on Howard University's campus in Miner Hall where, in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded. The "moving spirit" of the organization, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, is responsible for instituting the oldest Greek letter organization in America specifically for women of color. With more than 200,000 women in over 860 chapters, AKA has spread throughout not only North America, but to Liberia, the Bahamas, and Germany as well. Dillard's Beta Upsilon chapter, established in 1938, continues to work towards the initial principles idealized by the organization's founders. The original purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha was to cultivate high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be supreme in service to all mankind.



Ocpivia Johnson



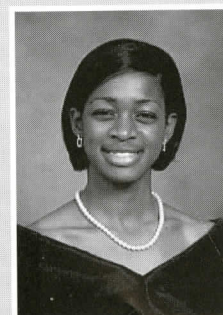
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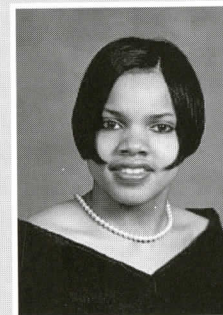
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Kyntoshia Abner



Keren Charles



Kronsky Kennon



Adria Tippins



Erika Jackson



Cindy Moffett



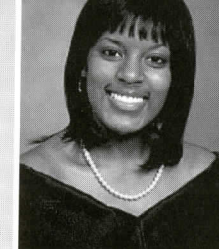
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Camille Anderson



Cecily Lacey



Nicole Nickerson



Meca Pierre



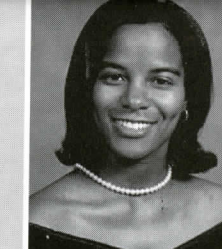
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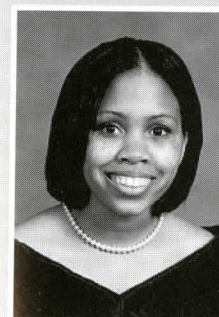
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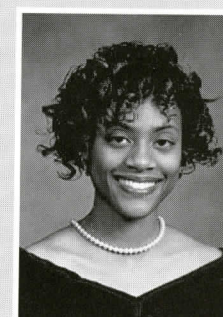
Patrice N. Lacy



Nichole Hope



Stacy Davis



Michelle Smith



Toni McCullum



Ashe Morris



Tiffany Norflin



Geri Robinson

## Prominent Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.:

Toni Morrison

Phylicia Raschad

Coretta Scott King

Maya Angelou

Leah Tutu

Ella Fitzgerald

Rosa Parks

Jada Pinkett

Angie Brooks

Dr. Marilyn Hughes-Gatson

United States Assistant Surgeon General

Yvonne Braithwaite-Burke

First woman to chair the Democratic National Convention

Jewell Jackson McCabe

President of the *National Coalition of 100 Black Women*

## Beta Upsilon Chapter Officers 1997-1998:

Basileus

Anti-Basileus

Grammatus

Epistoleus

Tamlochous

Pecunious Grammateus

Hodegos

Parliamentarian

Philacter

Ivy Leaf Reporter

Ocpivia L. Johnson

Geri A. Robinson

Camille Anderson

Kia J. Bruce

Kiana Leon

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Syreeta Williams

Erika Jackson



Jquar Daniels



Kelsan Shaw



Katrice Price



Toyonna Robbins



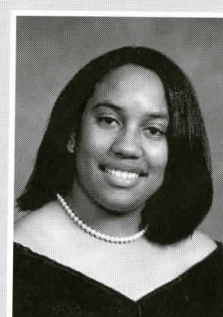
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Monica Parker



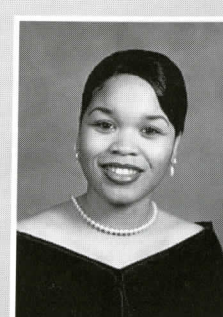
Rhesa Lee



Tonia Smith



Lyisha Johnson



Syreeta Williams



Drucilla Chevis

1908  
AKA\*AKA







# Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

## 1997-1998 Beta Gamma Officers:

President - Tony Boykin  
Vice President - James Dixon  
Treasurer - Ryan Johnson  
Intake Chairman - Victor Turner  
Executive Director - Matthew Robinson

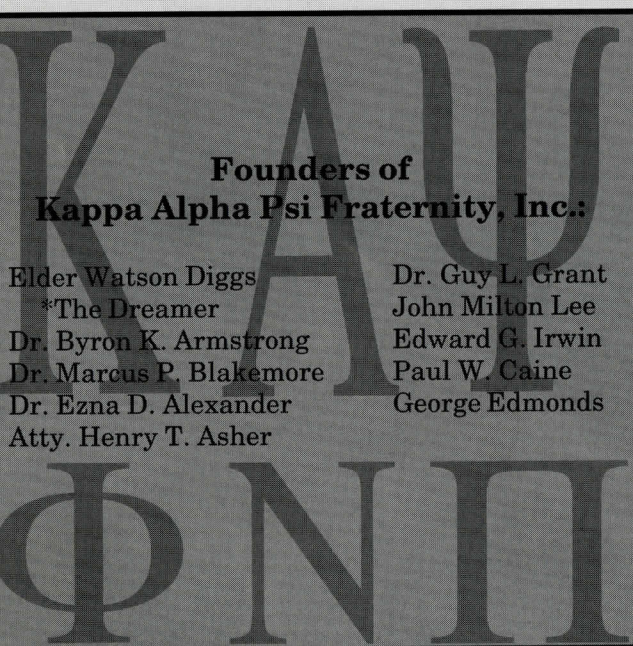


Dillard University's Beta Gamma chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi (from left to right): (Row 1) Dourty E. Kelly, Kelandus Consenta, James Dixon, (Row 2) Victor Turner, Ryan Johnson, and Tony Boykin.

On April 15, 1911, an organization named Kappa Alpha Nu was chartered and incorporated. Four years later--on the same date--in an effort to give the organization a more individual Greek letter symbol, the name was changed to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.. As stated by their national constitution, the objectives of Kappa Alpha Psi are "to unite college men of culture, patriotism and honor in a bond of fraternity; to encourage honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor; to promote the spiritual, social, intellectual, and moral welfare of members; to assist the aims and purposes of colleges and universities; and to aspire to service in the public interest." In April of 1936, Dillard University was proud to include the Beta Gamma chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi into its Greek sector of student life. The Beta Gamma chapter, which is still active today, continues to strive toward the principles set about by their founders.

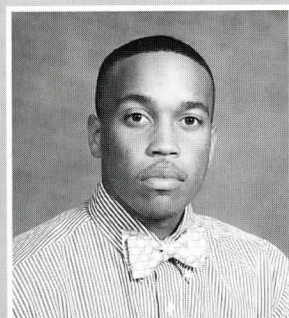
## Distinguished Men of Kappa Alpha Psi:

Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway Arthur Ashe  
Johnny L. Cochran, Jr. Wilt Chamberlain  
Montell Jordan Kenny Lofton  
Ret. Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James  
\*First Black Four Star General

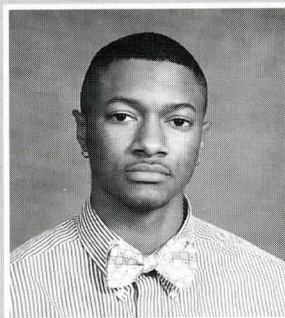


## Founders of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.:

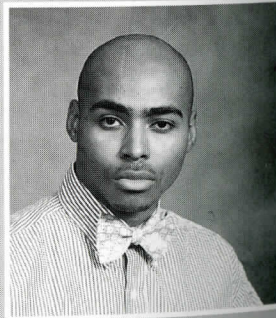
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Dr. Byron K. Armstrong  
Dr. Marcus P. Blakemore  
Dr. Ezna D. Alexander  
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Paul W. Caine  
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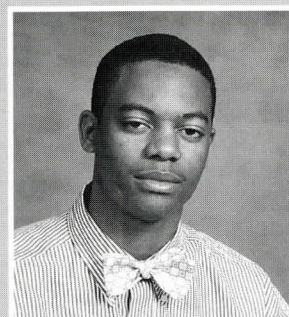
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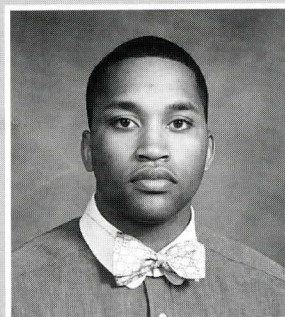
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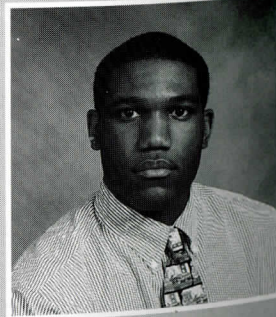
Matthew Robertson



Tony Boykin

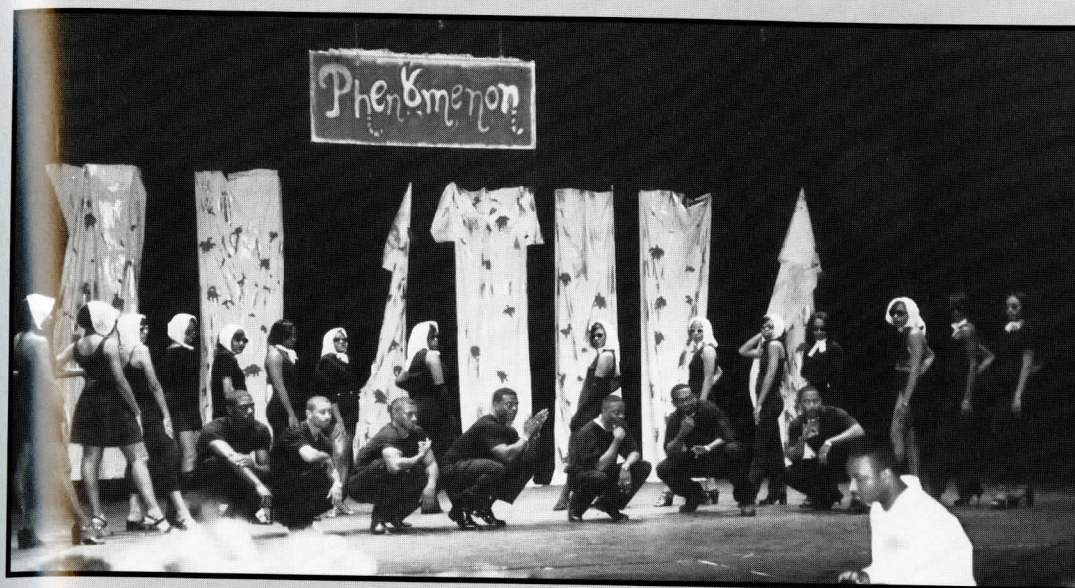


James Dixon

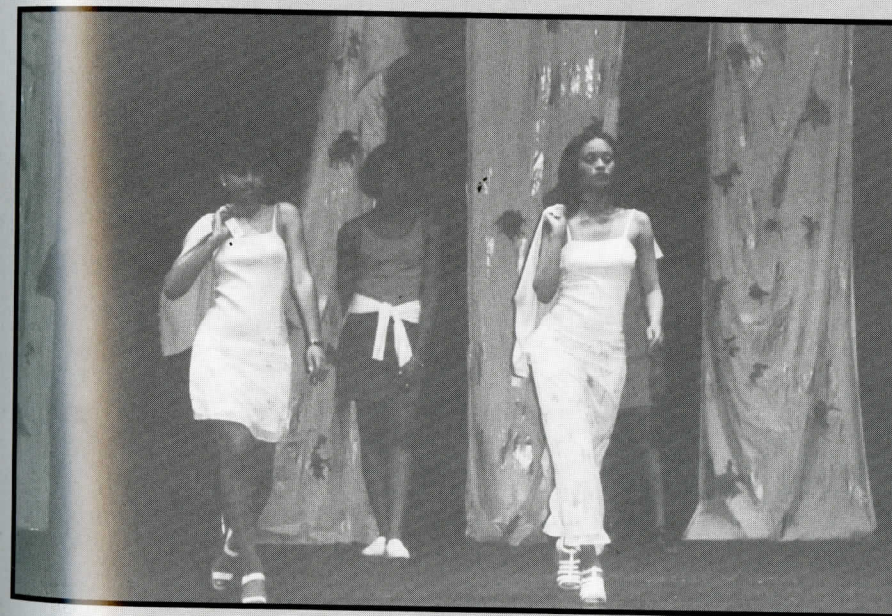


Cedric Cloud

# Kappa Alpha Psi Fashion Show



▲ Kappa's from Dillard University, Xavier University, Tulane University, and University of New Orleans pose in the Parade of Stars with the models in Scene I of "Phenomenon."



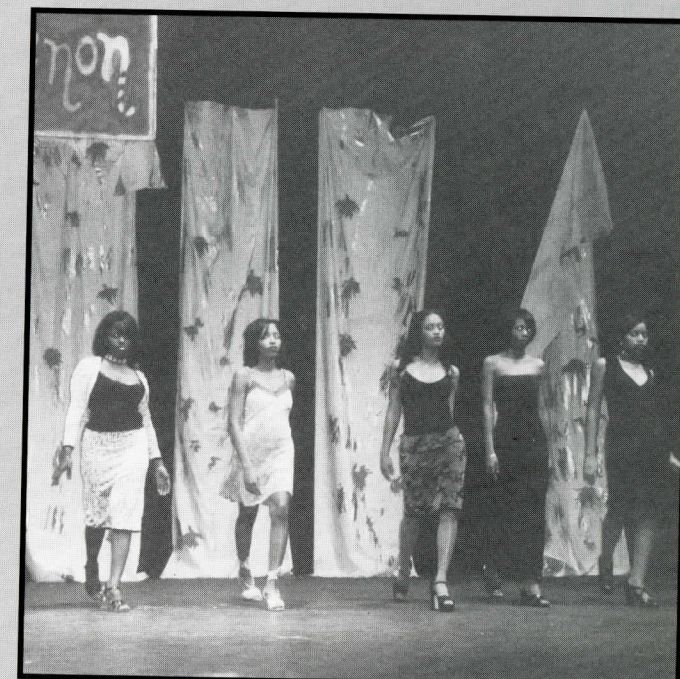
▲ In Scene IV of "Phenomenon," the models strut their stuff in casual wear from Express Internationale.



◀ In the grand finale of "Phenomenon," the models previewed the "Alien Nation" segment of the show, which allowed viewers to peek into futuristic clothing.

On February 17, 1998, members of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. put on a fashion show in the Samuel DuBois Cook Fine Arts Theater titled "Phenomenon." The show was choreographed by Dillard's own Matthew Robertson. Many of the models were students from Dillard University, Tulane University, Xavier University, and University of New Orleans. Even though designs by Ann Taylor, Express, and M.I.G.A. are usually shown only on the runway, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. proved that good fashion can be shown anywhere.

▼ Scene VI of "Phenomenon," the models "Jump Into The New Millineum with M.I.G.A.," which is an exclusive shop that specializes in the clothing for petite women.



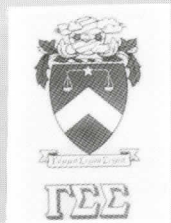


# Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority

In 1952, eight colleges and universities attended a constitutional convention for the service sorority Gamma Sigma Sigma. These eight institutions-- Boston University, Brooklyn College, Drexel Institute of Technology, Los Angeles City College, New

York University, Queens College, University of Houston, and Miami University--- the founders of the ideals and principles of what is now known as Gamma Sigma Sigma Sorority. From the 1952 Convention, the National Constitution went into effect on January 1,

1953, and October 12--the final day of the Constitutional Convention--was established as Founder's Day.



▲ Gamma Sigma Sigma's Delta Phi chapter (from left to right): Marcia Joiner, Keisha K. Jones, Tangelina Robertson, Jontue Matthews, Eleanor Collins, Zarvonja Robinson, Shirlean McEwen, Kimberly Jenkins, Diane Buford, Lanita Fletcher, Jamara Shelborne, Kandice Johnson, Nikia Brown, Darlene Thomas, (standing) Narkeisha Knighten, Kimberly Henderson, Tiffany Antoine, Jonaira Moore, Roweena Davis, Andrick C. Miller, Danielle Holmes, Candace Greer, Ahdija Baker, Tamara Murphy, Keisha D. Jones, Rakinah Campbell, Danielle Harris, Ayuana Cage, Saecilia Jones, Alanna Thomas, and Donise Banks.

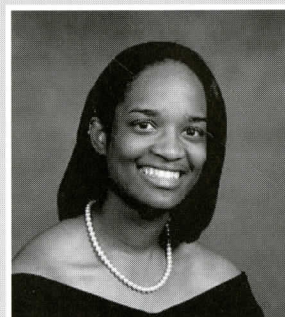
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Flower: White Rose  
Motto: "Unity in Service"  
Mascot: Panda Bear  
Symbols: The Omicron, the staff, and white rose.

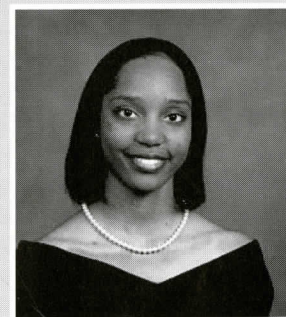
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American Red Cross  
March of Dimes  
Children at Risk  
American Cancer Society

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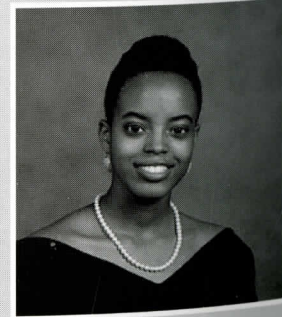
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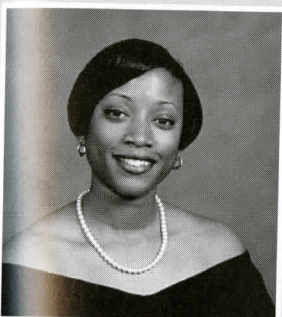
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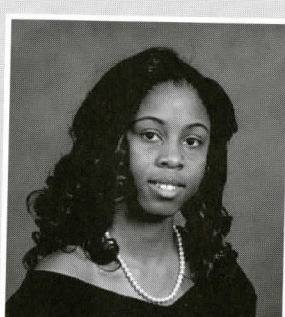
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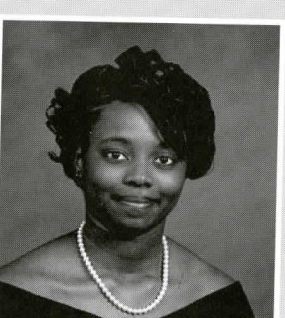
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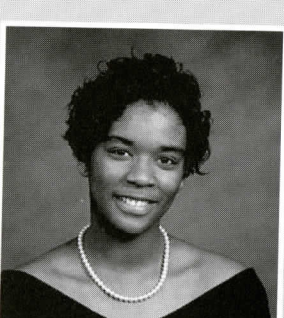
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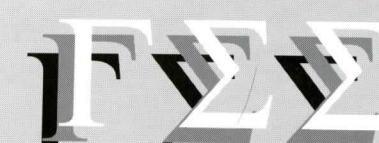
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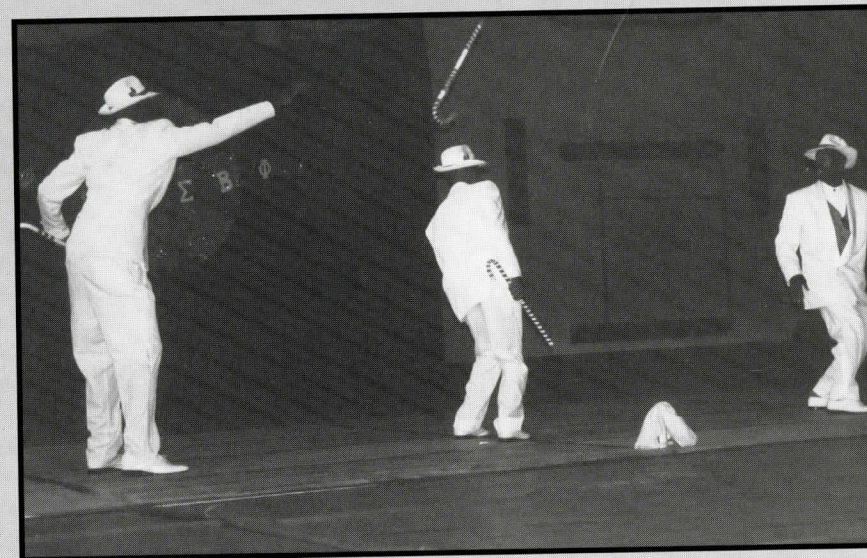




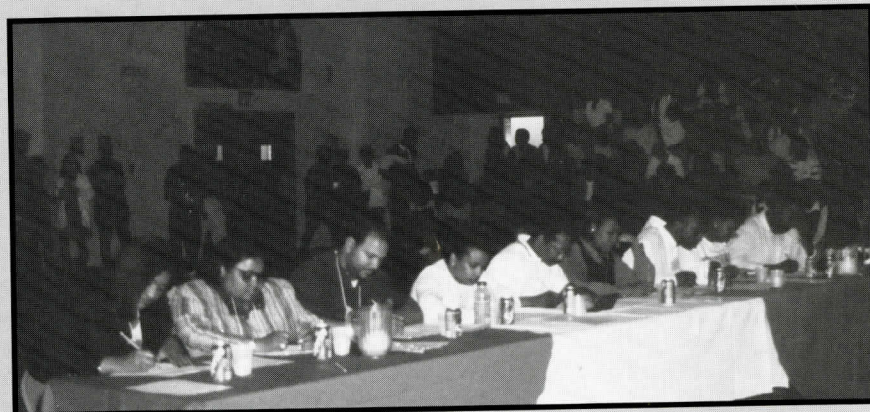
# Greek Fest'98



▲ Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Beta Gamma chapter, pose for a picture after the step show. The members are displaying a traditional symbol of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



▲ Senior **Kelandus Consenta** of the Beta Gamma chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. at Dillard University, combined with **Derrick Salavant** and **Henry Diggs** of the Lambda Omicron chapter at University of New Orleans, demonstrated their talent by tossing canes from the front of the line to the back of the line.

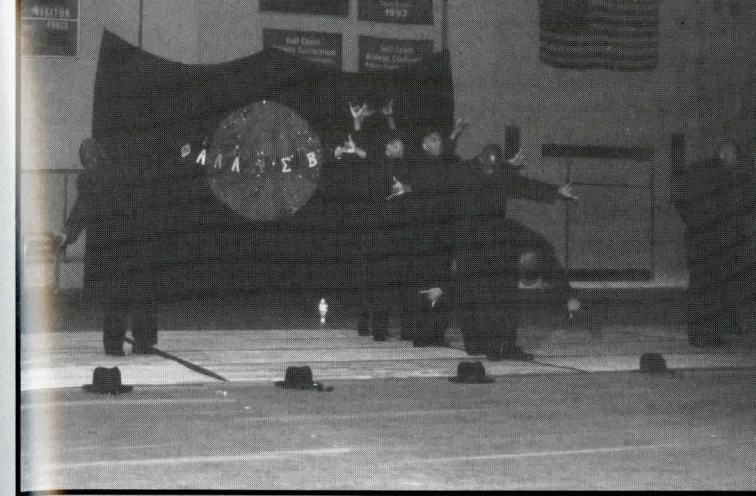


▲ The judges are carefully deciding the score of a team that just performed. The judges are all members of sororities and fraternities, and were carefully chosen by the Greek Fest Committee.

On March 27, 1998, Greek Fest '98 was celebrated with a Greek show, named "One Nation Under A Groove." The Student Government Association and Pan-Hellenic Council worked hard and long to make the show a success. Participants from various sororities and fraternities stepped for a chance to win the grand award; a trophy and cash prize. The title, "One Nation Under A Groove," is a statement of brotherhood and sisterhood that is shared in fraternities and sororities. It also exemplifies an old cliché, "together we stand, but divided we fall." The sorority participants were Alpha Kappa Alpha, Beta Upsilon chapter; Delta Sigma Theta, Beta Gamma chapter; and Zeta Phi Beta, Rho Epsilon chapter. The fraternity participants were Alpha Phi Alpha, Beta Phi chapter; Omega Psi Phi, Auburn University chapter; Alpha Phi Alpha, Rho Iota chapter; Kappa Alpha Psi, Beta Iota chapter; Alpha Phi Alpha, city-wide chapter; and Kappa Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma and the Lambda Omicron chapter.



▲ Graduating Senior **Ray Humphrey** donned an afro wig as part of the act performed by the Beta Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. **Ray** is also the president of the Beta Phi chapter at Dillard University.



▲ The members of the Alpha Phi Alpha City-wide chapter artfully arrange themselves while throwing their sign. Creativity gives participants a competitive edge in a step show filled with outstanding competitors.



▲ Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Rho Epsilon chapter, show viewers that not only can they step, but they do stunts as well. The Rho Epsilon chapter traveled from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to participate in the step show.

## WINNERS: SORORITIES

3rd place- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Beta Upsilon chapter  
2nd place- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Beta Gamma chapter  
1st place- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Rho Epsilon chapter

## WINNERS: FRATERNITIES

3rd place- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Auburn University  
2nd place- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Rho Iota chapter  
1st place- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; City-wide chapter

# Greek Fest '98

## ONE NATION UNDER A GROOVE

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1998

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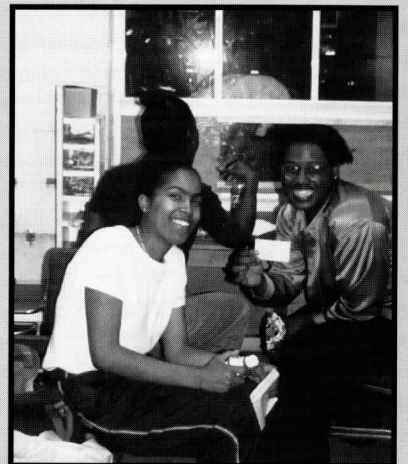
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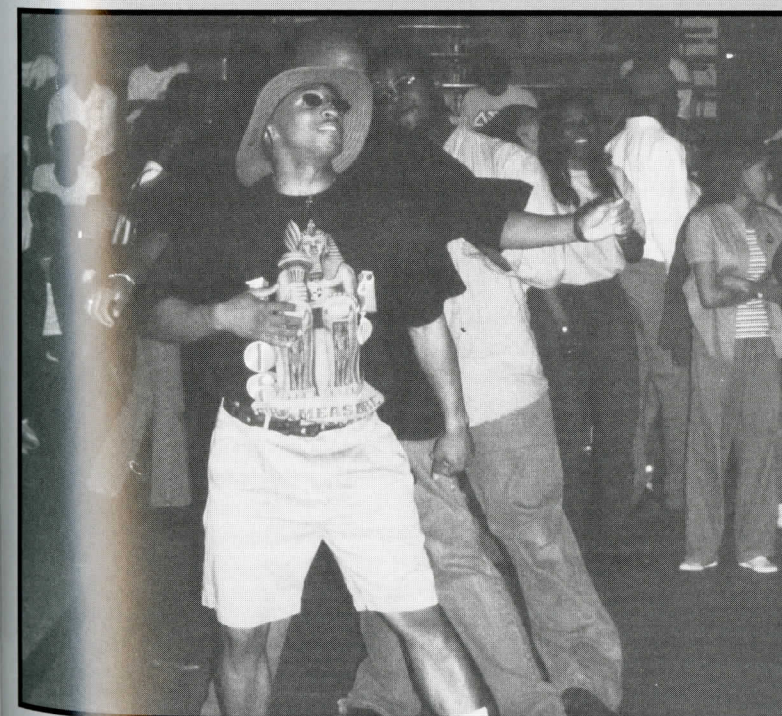
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▲ Graduating Senior **Raschanda Hall**, SGA president, and Junior **Kristi Lawson** pose for a picture while working in the ticket booth. As head of the Student Government Association, **Raschanda Hall** was actively involved in the planning of the step show.



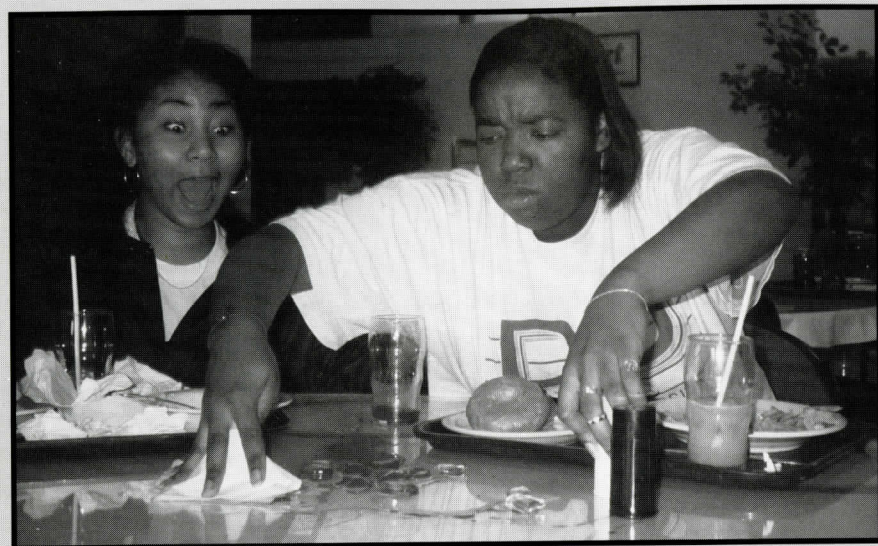
▲ Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., form a stepping line during intermission. This gives the fraternity a chance to not only step with one's own chapter, but also with many others.



▲ Sophomore **Sheila Williams**, Senior **Tracee Thompson**, Senior **Andrea Dandridge**, Junior **Quanesha Hunt**, Junior **DeVaria Hudson**, and Sophomore **Marsha Bean** step for fun during intermission in the Greek show program.



# Hilarious Acts Caught on Film...

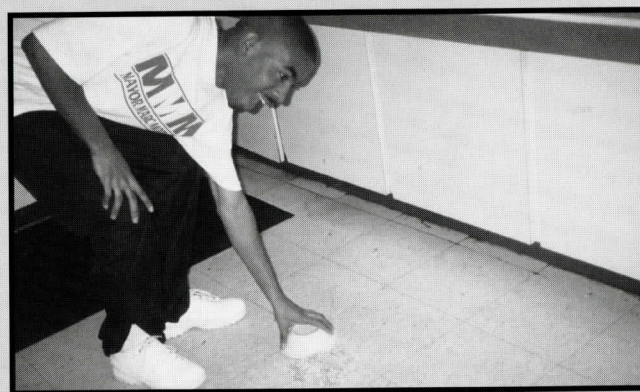


▲ Everybody is a little clumsy at times, so it's no surprise that Sophomore **Marsha Bean** spilled a glass of punch on the table.

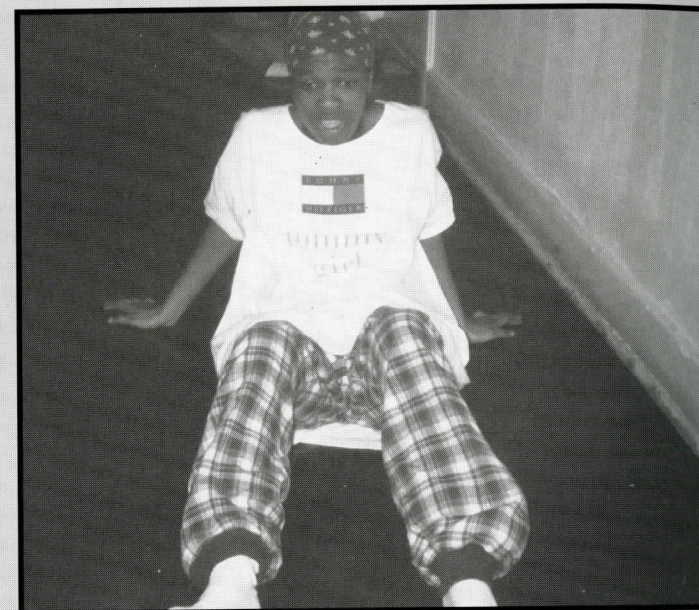


▲ Caught in the ACT, Freshman **Robin Burnett-Wynn** sits on the floor after falling while trying to make her escape. 2:00 AM pranks were common among her friends as they tried to one-up each other. However, sometimes, one getting caught is funnier than the actual prank itself.

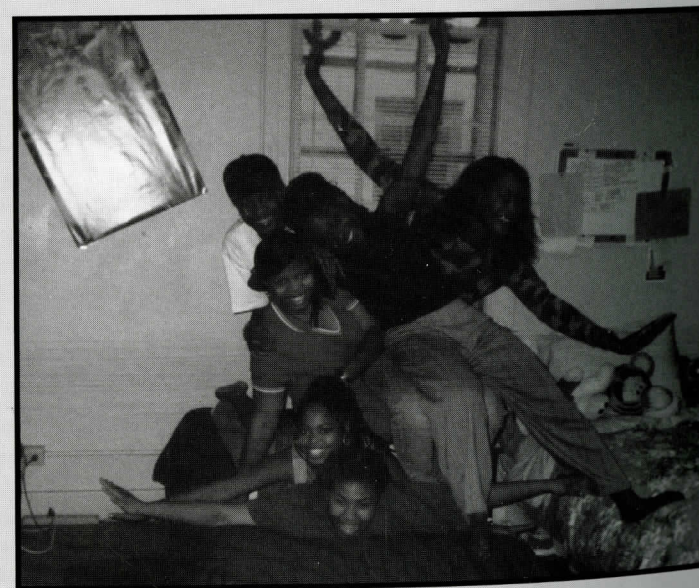
▲ Many faces have come crashing to the ground after stumbling over chair legs. Just ask Freshman **Graham Williams**, because he too has been a victim of his own two feet.



▲ Cereal is sometimes the only good thing a student can eat. So how Freshman **Gray Hall** managed to drop something so good on the floor is a mystery to us all.



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▲ Chillin' with friends was a common way to spend time. However, when these girls decided to act silly, they put a big dent in Freshman **Africa Harris'** bed.

# Stanley Wilson: Art and Magic



▲ Wilson displays the image of ethnicity and its place in society in his work.



▲ "The lizards are conveyers of thoughts and messages. They are playful spirits that climb," said Wilson.

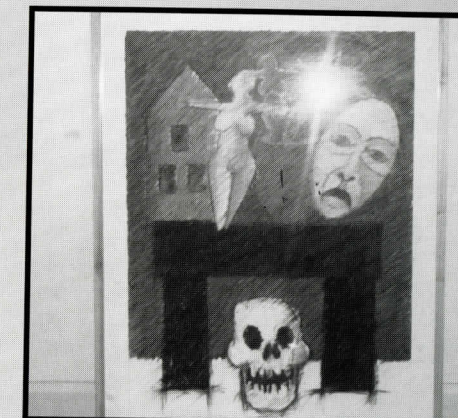
**S**tanley Wilson, a professor at California State Polytechnic University in Poma, California, exhibited his work in the Cook Fine Arts Center on March 7-March 31, 1998. Wilson crafted altar installations that pose questions that challenge the viewer to respond to these visionary works with a new perception about himself and the society in which he lives. He featured primitive symbols of African creatures in his altar installations and drawings. Wilson has enlarged his vocabulary of visual symbols through travel

in Africa and Latin America, to rural and urban settings, and to traditional and alternative art institutions. While exhibiting at Dillard University, Mr. Wilson showed an aesthetically and spiritually challenging body of work. It was evident that the directions he has taken in his series of alter and mixed media works since the 1980's contributed substantially to more universal definitions of what art is and should be in this so-called postmodern era.

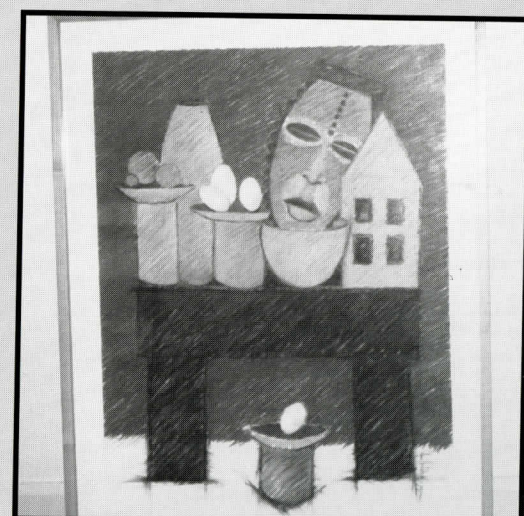
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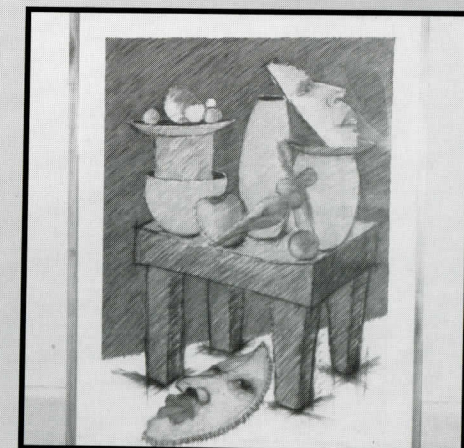
▲ Wilson depicts the image of ethnicity and its place in society in his work.



▲ Wilson often uses unexplored interior unconsciousness to incorporate seductive manipulation of space, light and natural materials.



▲ The building trades featured as tools capturing Wilson's subliminal images and compelling metaphors for the role of the artist in a pluralistic global fraternity.

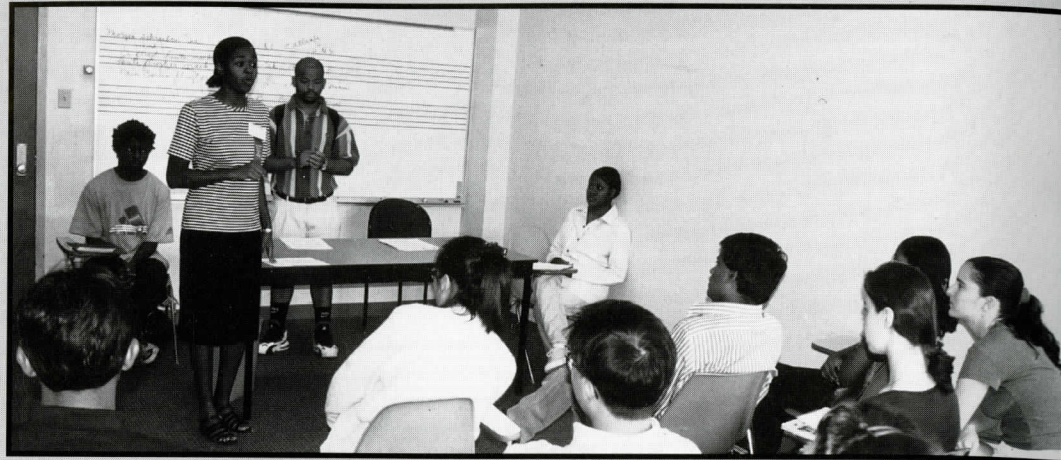


▲ These visual elements invite intellectual, sensual, intuitive, and spiritual involvements.



# Global Exchange at Dillard

The purpose of the Melton Fellows Program is to build strong friendships among young people of different cultures. It seeks to accomplish this by promoting an exchange of ideas among university students in a variety of nations, emphasizing the use of modern technology. As these young people share cultures, examine common problems, and focus on possible solutions, it is the expectation that they will form a lifelong network which will be of benefit to them personally, and to their nations and the global community as well.



▲ Junior **Marla Scott**, Task Team Leader, explains to diligent Melton Fellows the sagas of slavery with the help of Sophomore **Previn Butler** and Juniors **Michael Mason** and **Nicole Dill**.



▲ Senior **Nelson Demery** accepts an award given by Zheijiang University in Hangzhou, China, for outstanding fellow ship to Dillard University. **President Michael Lomax** presents the award along with a Melton Fellow.



▲ Junior **Michael Mason** explains to other Melton Fellows his special task he recently completed on global environmental standards.

Dillard University had the privilege and honor of hosting this year's annual symposium, which consisted of visiting schools and their leaders. Many of the guests expressed their thoughts on how beautiful our campus was and the enriching academic life. The program, which began at Westmar University in LeMars, Iowa, and at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, Germany, in the fall of 1991, expanded to include other institutions such as B.M.S. College of Engineering in Bangalore, India; Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana; University of LaFrontera in Temuco, Chile; and Zheijiang University in Hangzhou, China. At each institution, up to five students, designated as

Melton Fellows, are selected each year until a maximum of fifteen is reached. The Melton Foundation provides each of their Fellows with a personal computer and the necessary peripherals to use in her room as long as she remains a Melton Fellow. Through the use of e-mail, Melton Fellows are linked together to discuss different topics in small groups during the academic year, and are expected to continue in the program through the completion of their undergraduate studies. Dillard University left a lasting impact on the international fellows this year by having the opportunity to unite with the global community and dispell myths of African-Americans in America.



▲ Several Melton Fellows from the Chile, China, Germany, India, and the United States enjoy an afternoon on the Downtown Riverwalk after an interesting tour of the Aquarium of the Americas.



▲ Director **Charles "Chuck" Semke** joins his wife and co-director, **Dr. Harriett Semke**, along with other Melton Fellows as they enjoy the symposium.



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MAYOR

## WELCOME TO NEW ORLEANS

As Mayor of the City of New Orleans, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the students, faculty member and guests of the Melton Foundation as you gather in our beautiful city for your annual symposium, September 13-21, 1997.

We are honored to host the Melton Foundation and the participants from Germany, China, India, Chile and the United States. We commend the Melton Foundation for improving global communications among college-aged students through the use of modern technology. Thank you, Dr. William Melton for making a difference. Your efforts will help to brighten and enhance the lives of many young people.

New Orleans is the home of many of the finest visitor attractions, restaurants and accommodations in America. I encourage you to indulge in the Crescent City "experience". Your symposium will be held on the beautiful grounds of Dillard University, in the heart of the Gentilly area, a great place to experience the charm and beauty of our city.

Once again, on behalf of the citizens of our great city, I hope your stay is both pleasurable and memorable. We hope to see you back again in the future!

Sincerely,

*Marc H. Morial*  
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Mayor

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## MELTON FOUNDATION SYMPOSIUM September 13-21, 1997

Dillard University  
Host Institution

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# Concert and University Choir



*Dillard University Concert Choir 1997-1998*

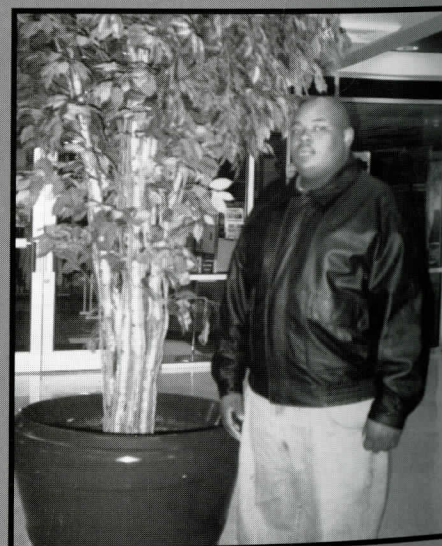
▲ Pictured from left to right: (Row 1) Lawrence T. Williams, Pia Betts, Lillian Thomas, Shirlean McEwen, Narkisha Thompson, April Nobles, Melanie R. Finley, Erica Jackson, Arianne Craig, Kandice Phillips, Alvarez Kennedy, (Row 2) Torrence Knuckles, Kimberly Hancock, TaNesha Turner, Monica Nobles, Alanna Thomas, Charmel Tillman, Letitia Dillard, Shaunta Scroggins, Loneka Wilkinson, Precious Norman, Duane Clark, (Row 3) Otis Anderson, Angela Dennis, Kimberly Henderson, Tamara Murphy, Dishili Davis, Maleeca Vincent, Keisha Jones, Abebi Johnson, Myla Patterson, Danetra Pate, Frantz Guynard, (Row 4) Justin Roberts, Troy Brooks, Zane Gipson, Steven Foster, Joseph Lemalle, Amis Nolan, Nathan Guase, Lil'Charles Ladd, Joel Bogar, Brandon Woods, Graham Williams, and Ronnie Ursin.

**R**ehearsal, dedication, and talent. An elite group of Dillard men and women know the true meaning of these three words. Dillard University's vocal music department is separated into two choral groups: Concert and University choir. Of the 100 students chosen to sing in the University choir, only forty-five are selected to represent Dillard as members of the Concert Choir. Historically, the Concert Choir from Dillard University has won acclaim from critics around the nation, and has proudly represented the university every spring during its annual tour. Both the University and the Concert choirs repertoires include classical works, spirituals and folk selections.

Under the direction of Professor S. Carver Davenport, both the University and Concert choirs transform the three words rehearsal, dedication, and talent into one word...amazing.



*Miss Choir 1997-1998  
Alanna Thomas*



*Mr. Choir 1997-1998  
Lawrence T. Williams*

"Being a member of the D.U. Concert Choir was an uplifting and challenging experience that I will never forget."

-Angela Dennis  
Class of 1998



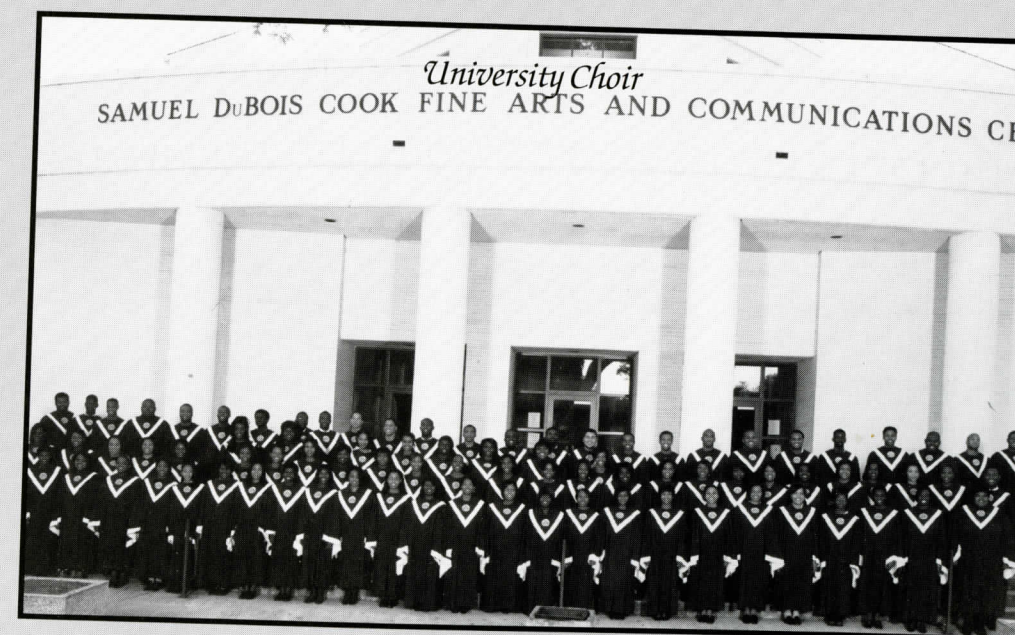
▲ Professor S. Carver Davenport, Dillard University Choir instructor, Lyric tenor and international choir director.



▲ The Dillard University Female Quartet: (from left to right) Senior Pia Betts, Senior Melanie R. Finley, Senior Shirlean McEwen, and Junior Loneka Wilkinson.



► The Dillard University Male Quartet: (from left to right) Senior Ronnie Ursin, Junior Amis Nolan, Junior Lil'Charles Ladd, Senior and Otis Anderson.



## Spring Tour 1998:

On Friday March 20th through Sunday, April 5th, the Dillard University Concert Choir will tour the United States in the following locations:

Texas  
Beaumont  
Houston  
Dallas

Michigan  
Detroit  
Mayland  
Baltimore  
South Carolina  
Columbia

New York  
Brooklyn

Illinois  
Chicago  
Aurora

Florida  
Jacksonville  
New Jersey  
Bridgeton  
Missouri  
Kansas City  
St. Louis  
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\*Also appearing in Washington, D.C.

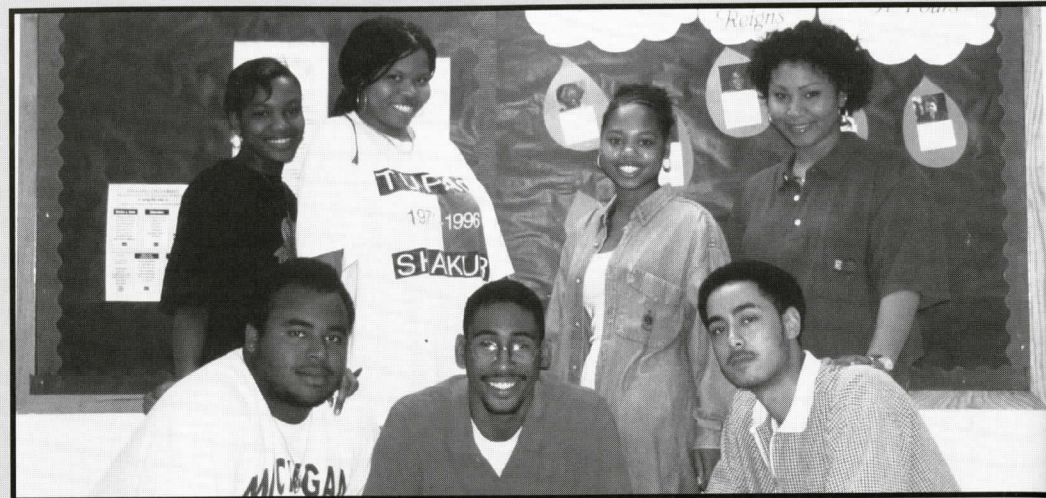
On April 18, 1998, the Female Quartet Performed in Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the Dillard University alumni chapter and Dr. Michael L. Lomax.

On April 21, 1998, the Dillard University Concert Choir was chosen by the United Negro College Fund to perform for their annual benefit with the Houston Symphony Orchestra.



# Organizations

**H**ave you ever wanted to meet more people on campus? If so, joining an organization is the way to go. There are more than twenty active organizations and clubs to choose from. Dillard University has service organizations, political clubs, dance, and more. Whatever your interests are, there is a club for you. Being a part of an organization gives students the chance to learn time management, broaden their views, and experience life from different perspectives. Not only does one get to meet more people, but also to have a chance to be a tutor, mentor, or member as well. Each member of the various clubs dedicated their time, hard work, and skills to make their organization what it is today. Many hours are spent on fundraising because money is needed to keep these clubs up and running. There is no limit to the number of clubs one can join, for the opportunities to improve the community, school, and yourself. Ever wonder who plans those class events? Well, the answer is class officers. These people are voted by peers of the same classification in the fall to represent their classes. Each class has a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a parliamentarian. These students volunteer their time and energy into planning various on-campus activities for the diverse student body to enjoy. In addition to these organizations are the yearbook and newspaper staffs. These two groups serve as an avenue for students to voice their opinions, read about special events, and help make history of the current school year.



▲ The *Student Arts and Activities* is a group of students who plan events to give the student body something to do. (From Bottom Left to Right): **Keanon Boddie, Cayle Mortimer, and Roger Dickerson.** (Top Row Left to Right): **Robin Burnett-Wynn, Erika Hatcher, Alicia Sykes, and Africa Harris.**



▲ *Freshman Class Officers* (From Bottom Left to Right): **Karelia Stewart, Ree Jernelle Casey, and Joanna Kirby.** (Top Row Left to Right): **Purvis Thompson, Jabari Sims, Tangelina Robertson, Meghan Broussard, and Justin Roberson.**



▲ *Sophomore Class Officers* (From Bottom Left to Right): **Brandy Lloyd, Monique Bell, and Brandis Griffith.** (Top Row Left to Right): **LaShana Harris, Mario Cassell, Tiffany Joffrion, Previn Butler, and Raina Morgan.**



▲ *Santa Filomena Nursing Club:* **Kendra Jackson, Deatrice Linyear, Latasha Cooper, Kimberly Jones, and Kellie Winfield.**



▲ *Kenneth B. Clark Psychology Club* (From Bottom Left to Right): **Carla Edmons, Tamika Ford, Ebony Shelton, and Michelle Mullinder.** (Top Left to Right): **Adrienne Mustifud, Yolanda Dodson, Zavoria Williams, Tahsa Williams, and Tanisha Guy.**

**T**he Kenneth B. Clark Psychology Club is open to anyone interested in Psychology. The club's purpose is to recruit and support any activities dealing with psychology. The club started after Kenneth B. Clark visited Dillard University and encouraged people to go into the Psychology field. Clark was the first black man to serve as president of the Psychology club. Dillard University's Psychology club has bake sales, fund-raisers, fairs and display booths at local shopping malls, and participated in the Psyche Honor Society Induction.



▲ *Political Science Club* (From Bottom Left to Right): **Tamekia Wher and Adria Tippins.** (Top Left to Right): **Donnelly Simms, Mieshe Williams, and Marlon Dominique.**

**S**anto Filomena Student Nurse's Association (SFSNA) is a pre-professional nursing organization for pre-nursing and nursing students. SFSNA is a constituent of the Louisiana Association of Student Nurse's (LASN) and the National Student Nurse's Association (NSNA). The purposes of SFSNA are to promote professionalism and education among student nurses in order to provide the highest quality of health care, and aid the individual student in developing moral and social skills. SFSNA attended the annual LASN state convention in October. Seven students represented Dillard at the convention in Lafayette, LA. During October, they celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness Month by offering sessions in the dormitories.



Circle K is the world's largest international organization dedicated to service and leadership development, with over 500 clubs in seven countries. Students a part of Circle K find a chance to make a difference in their communities as well as in their school. Circle K International's mission is to involve college and university students in campus and community service while developing quality leaders and citizens. Their motto is "We Build." Circle K is not bound to any one particular service activity. Each club is encouraged to analyze its local situation and determine how its environment can be served most effectively. On the 17th of April, mem-

bers volunteered during a Nike Air Tournament which was hosted by the Western Athletic Conference. During the 1997-1998 academic year, Dillard University's

Circle K club had many fundraisers, and had students who mentored at Bradley Elementary school.



▲ **Circle K Club:** (from left to right) Row 1 Juanita Jackson, Amy Filhol, Jamila Griffin, John Abeney, Row 2 Corey Chasidy, NaKeshia Young, LaShannon Harris, Heidi Nelson, Yvonne McCay, Adrian Cooksey, Meghan Broussard.

The Society for the Advancement of African-American Males & Females provided volunteers from Dillard University to serve as mentors and tutors for students at Joseph A. Hardin Elementary school, and Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary. They conducted tutorial sessions for basic skills improvement for students at risk who need to improve test scores, and preparation for GED testing. The organization has helped over 3,700 students, which they take on various field trips. On April 28th of this academic year, they participated in the Healing the Community event, and on May 9th organized a YES To Science event.



▲ **The Society for the Advancement of African-American Males & Females**

The Chemistry Club has hosted several Chemistry activities at Lakeside, Plaza and Clearview Malls to encourage young children to take an interest in Chemistry. At the Oakwood Mall they volunteered to help at the Science for Family event and encourage others to be a part of the growing chemistry field. The members of the club have had several fundraisers to help support the club's activities.



▲ **Chemistry Club:** (from left to right) Row 1 Dr. Bobby Burks, Tomeka Lowe, Natacha Mitchell, Antonio Wilson, Dr. Scofield, Erika Charles, Cheri Leary, Row 2 Ebony Price, Marla Scott,



▲ **Foreign Students Association**



The following organizations were too busy with school activities and could not be reached to take a picture or disclose information about their organizations. However, they are active on campus and are always looking for new members:

PE Majors  
E. Franklin Frazier Sociology Club  
BUSECON Club  
Social Welfare Club  
NAACP Organizations  
Pan-Hellenic Council  
Student Government Association  
College Republicans  
Pre-Law Society  
Pre-Allied Health Club  
Public Health Organization  
Junior Class Officers  
Senior Class Officers  
Library Club  
Baptist Student Union  
Social Welfare Club  
History Club  
Mathematics Club  
Campus Catholic Ministries  
United Methodist Ministries in Higher Education  
Alpha Chi Honor Society  
Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society  
Criminal Justice Club  
National Association of Black Accountants  
Pre-Physical Therapy Club  
Pre-Alumni Council  
Pre-Law Society  
Student Council for Exceptional Children

◀ **Honda All-Stars Quiz Bowl Team:** (from left to right) Row 1 Walter T. Tillman, Jr., Desmond Smith, Dr. Mohammed Sheriff, Row 2, Terry Turley, Leslie Taylor, and Otis Anderson.

► **Art Club:** (from left to right) Row 1 Harry Hurst, Nina Domingue, Row 2, Dr. McGinnis, Andre Parker, Angelica Nash, Anita McGee, Omar Staton, Reagan Robertson, Cindy Syles, Darlene Thomas, Jonal Parker, Michelle Johnson, Lenell Lee, and Dr. Willie Hooker.





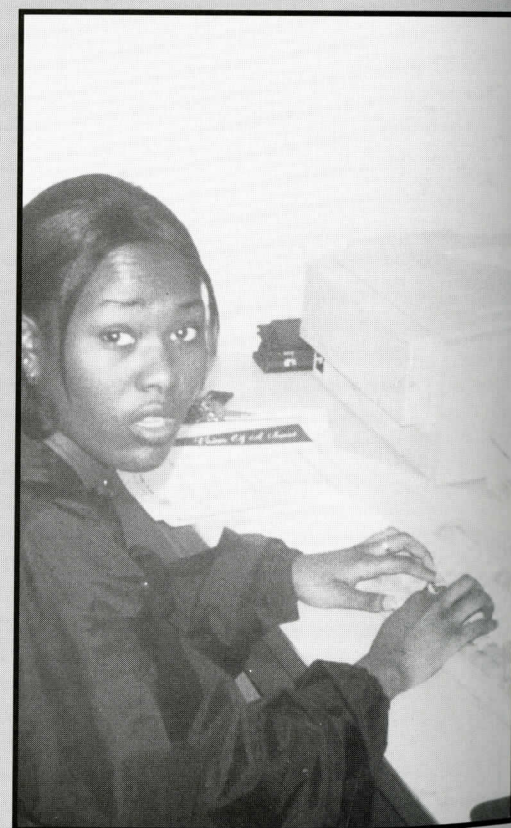
# Le Diable Bleu Yearbook Staff



*Le Diable Bleu Staff 1997-1998 (From Bottom Left to Right): Cheri Leary, Erica Bass, Erika Hatcher, and Robin Burnett-Wynn. (Top Left to Right): Joyce Gilmer, Joanna Kirby, Yvonne Thatcher, Holly McGee, Editor; James Garland, Ivy Joyner, Kendra Larry, and Brandi Griffin. (Not Pictured: Previn Butler).*

Accomplishing what seemed impossible is what revolved in the minds of thirteen individuals who joined forces to attempt to revive Dillard's history. Little did each know that doing a year's worth of work in only three months would be one of the most tiring, frustrating, complex, yet rewarding experiences of their lives. Any members of the Le Diable Bleu staff can tell you that the work put into making this publication may seem easy, but it's definitely far from it. Under the direction of editor Holly "Hitler" McGee, the staff experienced every problem known to man; from lack of pictures, moving from Kearny Hall, to Coss Hall, and back to Kearny Hall, to learning how to crop pictures and write copy, the staff has come a

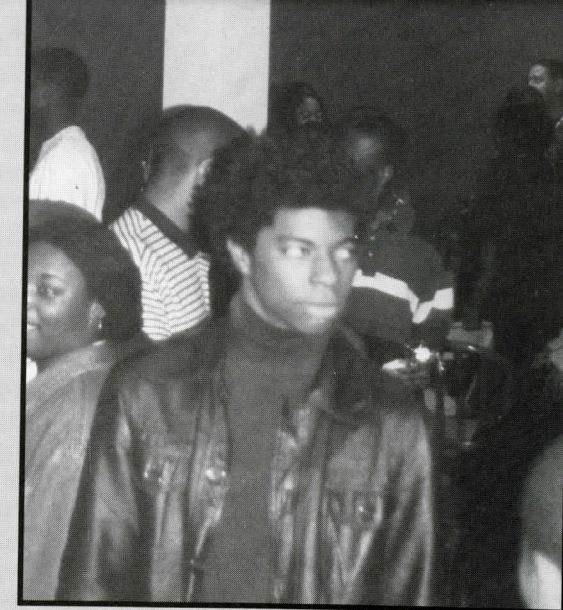
long way in the past three months. Other than the struggle to put out Dillard's first yearbook since 1995, the yearbook staff wanted to make an exclamation along with the symbolism of the 1997-98 school year. Along with the administration of a new president, Dr. Michael L. Lomax, and the promise of a "New Dillard" emerged the theme for this year's book, *"Rebuilding the Dream."* Indeed, the Le Diable Bleu staff not only pursued to rebuild the dream by capturing precious moments on film and publishing them, but also to prove to the few doubters that with hard work and dedication, anything can be accomplished; even the publishing of a book that normally takes a year to complete, accomplished in only three months.



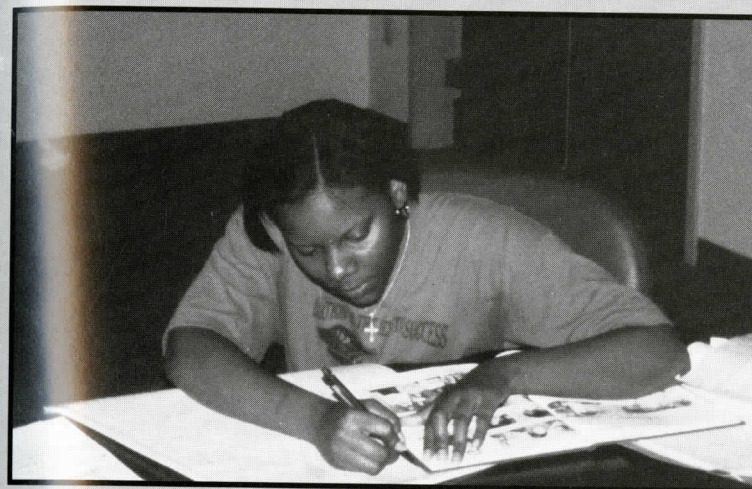
▲ As the old saying goes, you can always tell when someone is doing something they're not supposed to. As Freshman **Kendra Larry** affirms this by flashing the traditional "What did I do?" look, she attempts to complete late homework assignments instead of her yearbook pages.



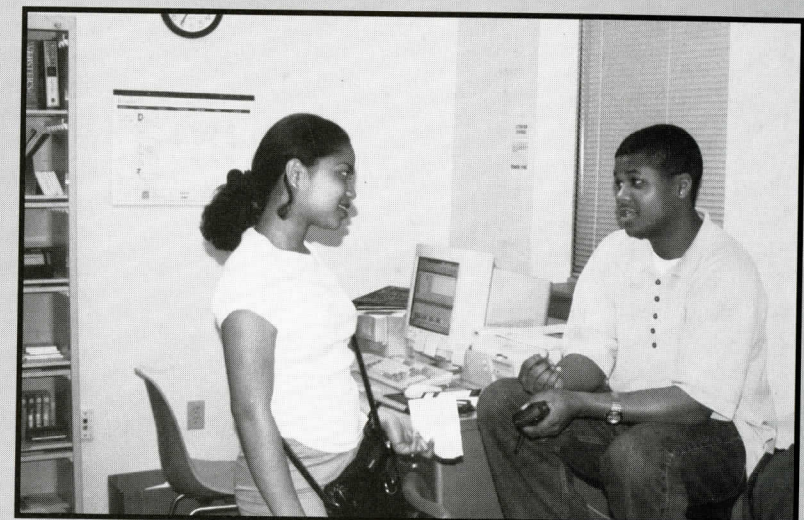
▲ Although it may be unbelievable to some, members of the yearbook staff DO know how to have fun (sometimes)!



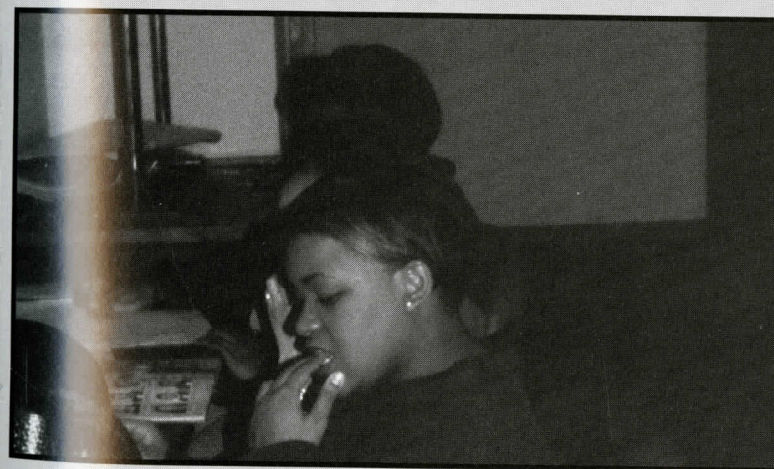
▲ Unfortunately, Dillard University is home to a dangerous felon. A frequent member of the FBI's *Most Wanted List*, Sophomore **Previn Butler** missed the annual staff group photo due to a prior engagement. Something about stalking an innocent victim.



◀ Even though it appears that Freshman **Ivy Joyner** knows what she's doing when it comes to yearbook work, she really doesn't.



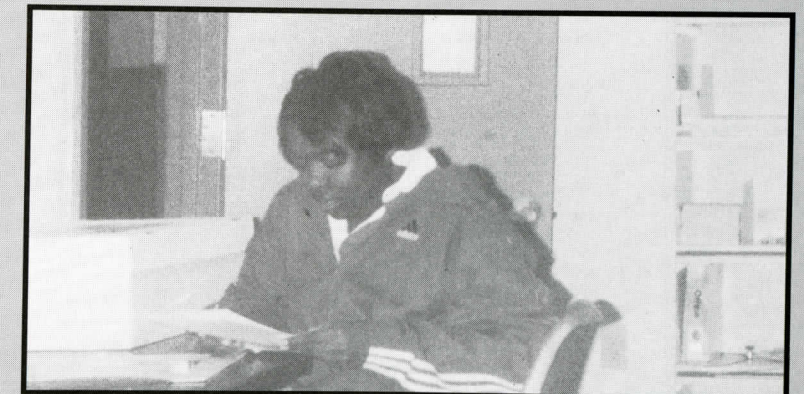
▲ Anyone who knows Freshman **James Garland** knows that he can get a bit belligerent at times, especially when it comes to yearbook assignments. Above, Freshman **Joanna Kirby** attempts to reason with him as **James** flashes the "not a chance in the world" expression.



▲ At one of her calm moments in time, Editor and Junior **Holly McGee** scrutinizes possible layouts for the yearbook.



◀ Excuse me sir? Can you turn that light down a little? What's that? It's just the glare off of Sophomore **Erica Bass'** forehead? Oh, okay.



▲ Freshman **Yvonne Thronton** carefully reads and edits her copy before submitting it to the editor. As sweet and nice as **Yvonne** can be, it's too bad her work is always wrong.



# .....D.U. at a Glance



▲ Numerous Dillard students *"hyping it up"* at the "After-exam jam" Midnight Breakfast in Kearny Cafeteria.



▲ Freshman **Africa Harris** puts on a happy face as she prepares to model her room during Open House for Incoming Freshman.



▲ Residents of Straight Hall eat doughnuts after a dorm meeting.



▲ Freshmen **Tameka Munroe, Rachel Black, and Mikisha Oden** prepare to hit the streets for a night out in the "Big Easy!"





# In Memory Of...

## Crossing The Bar

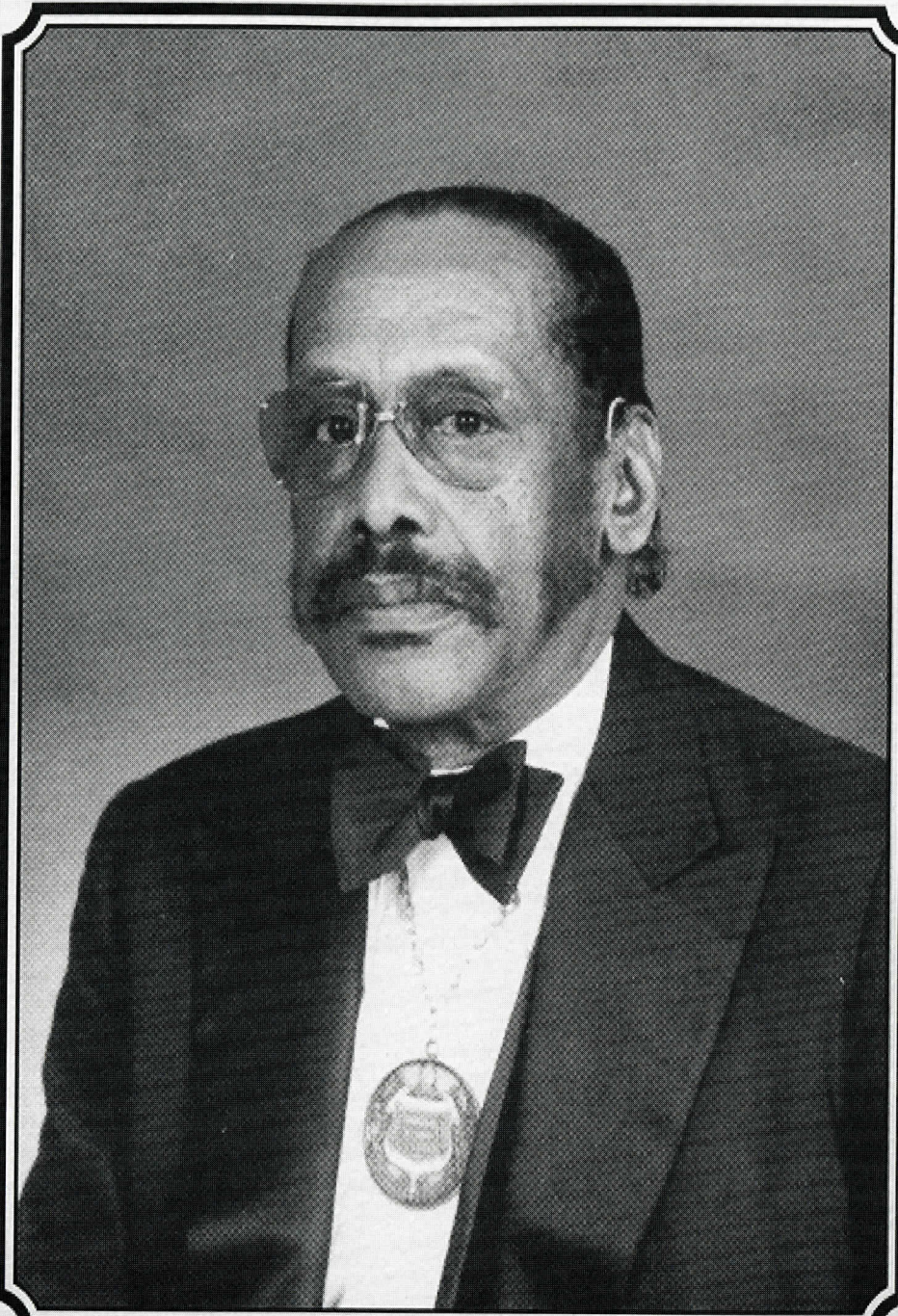
Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning  
of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving  
seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from  
out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness  
of farewell,  
When I embark;

For tho' from out bourne of  
Time and place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to  
face  
When I have crossed the bar.



Charles Houma Dixon Bowers, Jr., M.D.

Over a period of more than thirty years, Dr. Charles Houma Dixon Bowers, Jr. utilized his professional, personal and social skills and touched the lives of many New Orleanians through his dedication to the practice of medicine and his civic and social involvement in his native city. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Bowers succeeded his father as Director of Student Health Services at Dillard University and served on the medical staff of

Student Health Services at Xavier University until March 1998. A warm, sensitive, unselfish and self-assured man, he made all in his presence feel welcome. He inspired and encouraged many young students to prepare for a career in medicine. In addition to a twenty-five year service award

from Dillard University, Dr. Bowers also received many other awards and citations from various New Orleans organizations. His quiet dignity, broad knowledge and supportive attitude made him an engaging personality and engendered respect from those who knew him and will miss him.

- Source Funeral Program

# Dillard University Year In Review

Another school year has come and gone. Take a look at some of your most memorable events on the campus of Dillard University.

Dr. Michael L. Lomax, Dillard's seventh president starts the 1997-1998 academic year off by promising a change around campus. A few plumbing system and the renovation of the library as well as dorms are just a few of the major changes that Dillard's new president pledges.

During the week of September 13-21, students from universities in Iowa, Chile, China, India and Germany meet at Dillard University for the Melton Foundation International Symposium. More than 130 participants take part in this event concerning global issues.

Cafe Noir, a session of free speech, music, and poetry is first held on October 2nd. People from all around gather and perform as soft music is played during the interludes of poems. The poems, that discuss anything from love to the ancestry of blacks, keep the crowd's attention, and sparks future interest

Students on and off campus anxiously await DU's first Midnight Breakfast in two years. The event, held in Kearny Hall and sponsored by the SGA, included *da bomb* breakfast food, and music by Dillard's very own (and best) deejay Raj.

The Morehouse Glee Club perform in Lawless Memorial Chapel on October 24th. The 40-member choir shock the crowd with their magnificent performance.

"Let's Do It Again" is DU's theme in the 11th annual UNCF Walk-A-Thon, held on November 2nd at City Park. More than 400 participants represent Dillard in raising money for the college fund by taking part in the five mile run or the ten mile walk.

November marks the beginning of the Dillard University basketball season. A Pep rally is held on the 4th to hype up the women's and men's team by showing them support from the Dillard community.

Melanie R. Finley of Houston, TX is crowned Miss Dillard 1997-1998 at Coronation ceremonies held in mid November. The Founder's Day Program, Dorm Step Off, and the Class Talent Showcase, are just a few activities that lead up to this event.

The second major production by the Dillard University Theater Department is presented in the Cook Fine Arts Center. Opening night of *The Hourglass*--starring Khalilah Elliott--on November 19th met a packed house.

December brings cold weather and dreaded finals for the fall semester. After exam week, the choir performs at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree Ceremony, and Dillard hosts its first Kwanzaa celebration.

The same faces, in addition to a few new, return to Dillard's gleaming white and spacious green for the spring semester. Residence halls re-open and an entirely too long registration process begins yet again. Dante's Purgatory has nothing on the Financial Aid Office.

British National, Martin Bernal, speaks in the Lawless Memorial Chapel on February 10th. Bernal, a professor of government at Cornell University speaks about his two volume book *Black Athena*.

Gwendolyn Brooks, the first African American honored for winning the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 and Amiri Baraka, a distinguished writer and African American studies professor showcase their talent on February 18th.

Students are out of school for the Mardi Gras Holiday! While many students attend the numerous parades, some elect to go home to family and friends and the heck up out of New Orleans.

Excitement is felt around campus as plans from a \$29 million bond issue are revealed. New furniture, cable access and wiring are only a few things that are included in the plan for "A New Dillard."

"One Nation Under A Groove" Greek fraternities and sororities from UNO, Tulane, Alcorn, Xavier, and Dillard gather on March 27th to showcase talent at Greekfest '98.

Lani Guinier speaks at Dillard's Honors Convocation on April 20th. The Honors Convocation recognized individuals with A averages, Honor Roll, University Scholars, Who's Who and various honor societies. Dr. Guinier's message focused on the positive lessons that she learned in her life.

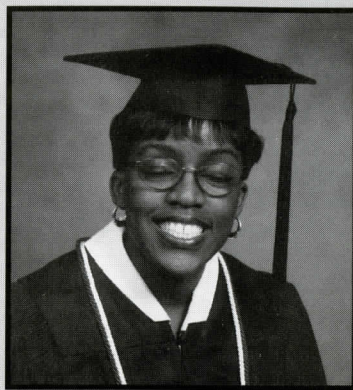
The 1998 graduating class of Dillard University receives well-deserved honors and closes the final chapter in the book of their college career. However, they are finally able to open the book of their future to page one, and look forward to a life of success. We wish them well!

Another school year has come to an end. Friendships have been made and relationships have been established that will never be forgotten.



# Yearbook Bloopers

For those daring individuals who took yearbook pictures, there were an elite few whose pictures never made it past the photographer's reel. However, some of them were entirely too good to let go to waste, so here they are. For the enjoyment of the Dillard community and the torture of those pictured, we proudly present our 1997-1998 Photo Bloopers.



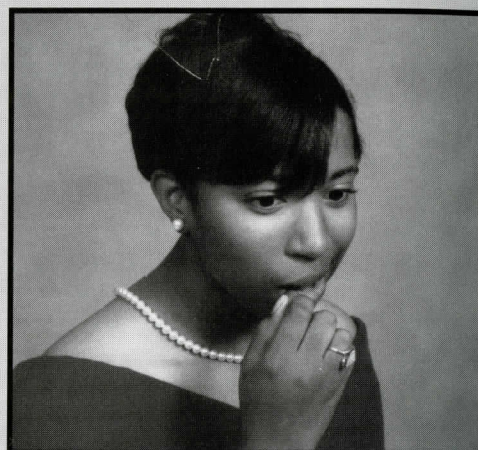
▲ Close your mouth and open your eyes!!



▲ Radio Raheem



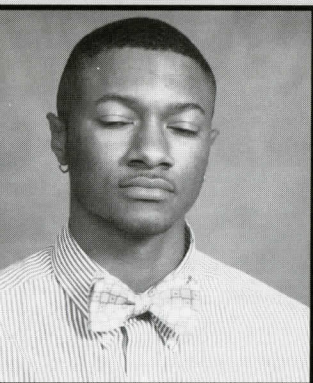
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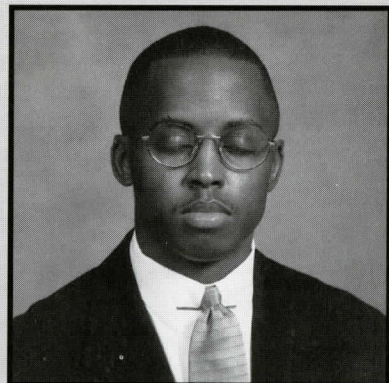
▲ My nose is next!



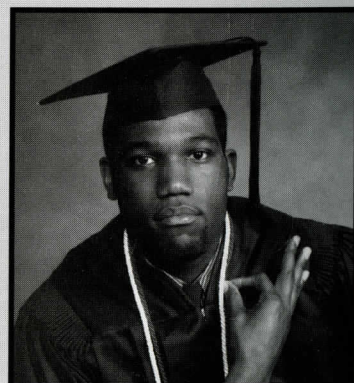
▲ Oops upside yo' head!



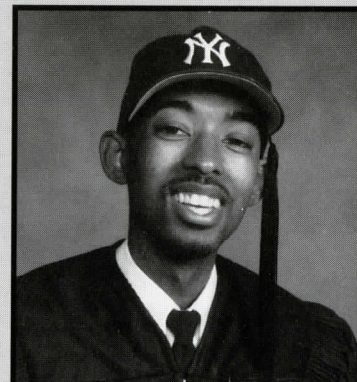
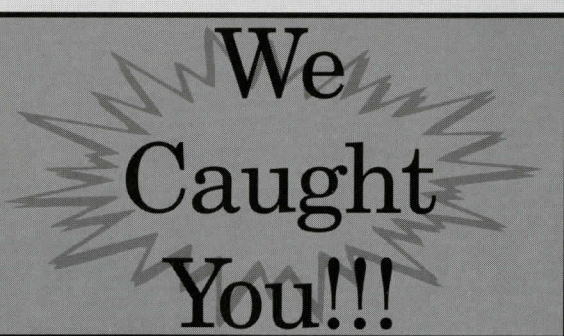
▲ A Kappa and an Alpha sittin' in a tree, s-l-e-e-p-i-n-g!



▲ Girl, I'm gonna hook you up!



▲ Nupe! NOPE!



◀ New York Yankee Graduate

▶ (VGS) Valley Girl Syndrome



## C O L O P H O N

Dillard University's CXXIX volume of the Le Diable Bleu was printed by the Josten's Printing and Publishing Division in Topeka, Kansas. The CXXIX volume of the Le Diable Bleu is 9 1/2 X 12.

The 168-page Le Diable Bleu had a press run of 1000. The cover is Midnite Blue material and Mission Green with a Silver Foil application. The theme was developed by Cheri Leary and the 1997-1998 staff. The division pages were developed by Cheri Leary, Holly Y. McGee, and Gavin

Goins. The endsheets are Sterling Silver with black ink. The body copy is 12 point, captions are 8 point, and headlines are 36 point. All are New Century Schoolbook. The font in the Senior and Coronation pages are Zaph Chancery. All class pictures were taken by Gain Goins of Goins Photography.

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**James J. Garland.....**"I joined the 1997-1998 staff because I enjoy doing yearbook work and I enjoy working with others."  
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**Erika Hatcher.....**"I love student relations and have been on a yearbook staff before, so I knew I would enjoy it."  
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**Robin Burnett-Wynn.....**"My favorite person on staff is Holly because she's soooooo beautiful!"  
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**Kendra Leary.....**"I have enjoyed working with the Yearbook staff. Although the work gets hectic sometimes, I wouldn't change my experiences for anything!"  
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**Joanna Kirby.....**"I joined the 1997-1998 staff because I wanted to take pictures and it's a way to be active on campus."  
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**Yvonne Thornton.....**"I joined the yearbook staff because I wanted to get involved in an activity at Dillard."  
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**Joyce Gilmer.....**  
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**Brandi Griffin.....**my favorite memory of staff is when we all walked over to the yearbook room in Coss Hall, in the rain, carrying boxes.  
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**Cheri Leary.....**"I joined the 1997-1998 staff because I worked on the yearbook in high school and I loved it."  
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# Editor's Note

Dillard University Community,

The 1997-1998 academic year has drawn to a close, and 2601 Gentilly Blvd. again has the opportunity to proudly proclaim that a campus yearbook has been published. For the past two years under a different student administration, the *Le Diable Bleu* yearbook staff has fallen short of publishing any type of yearly publication for a multitude of inexcusable reasons. Although this very reason contributed to an unnecessary amount of stress, tension, and problems for my staff and I, we are proud to say and show that we have prevailed.

Being the editor of a yearbook has been something I have wanted to do since high school. I truly love every aspect of attempting to publish something that will be a part of our history, and I realize it is the duty of every yearbook and its editor to ensure that the act of remembrance is more than a possibility; it is and should always be construed as a job not to be taken lightly.

There is no way a publication of this magnitude could have been accomplished without the help of certain individuals. First and foremost, my roommate LaKenya (the original Devas-tating Diva). Thank you for encouraging me when things seemed impossible, for waking me up for class, for making me laugh just being who you are, and for being the best roommate I have ever and will ever have. This book is my graduation gift to you in order that you may remember one of the most important years of your life; your senior year at Dillard University. I love you more than words can say and will honestly miss you (there are you happy?!). A very special thanks to my girl LaDonna. Thank you for cussing me out when I was not on top of my business, and for keeping me sane through all the yearbook and personal drama. Knowing that you were always there to listen to me whenever I needed to talk, putting up with my occasional attitude, and feeling that you forever had my back when it came to the b's, t's, and h's grants you an automatic and special place in my heart. Dillard's class of 1998 could have no finer. Thank you Cesily Roberts for giving me this opportunity. No matter what problems were faced during the semester, it always meant a lot to me knowing you had faith



that I could accomplish this task. For caring more about our safety than we cared ourselves, I thank Captain Bridges and the entire Dillard University security team. To the few administrative offices, support services, and students on this campus who were unwilling to believe in us or support our efforts, I thank you as well. By showing my staff and I through your complacent words and contradictory actions that you did not believe in us urged me to push my staff all the more to prove you wrong. There are students on this campus who are about business, and the members of the *Le Diable Bleu* yearbook staff are just a few of them.

Last but certainly not least I must thank my staff. These individuals accepted a challenge in February of 1998, and by sacrificing more than their time accomplished our mutual goal in May of the same year. Thanks to: Robin for always letting me call you Brandi and for doing last-minute spreads; Brandi for letting me give you stories and take them right back (and for being a punk); Erica and Cheri for making me laugh late into the night by fighting with each other (you know you love her girl!); Joyce for always calling me ma'am; Yvonne for picking yourself up after that first deadline and working harder than ever; Ivy for putting up with SGA; Joanna for tracking down film all hours of the day; Kendra for being so very ghetto; Previn for always being ready to fight and for the multi-page spreads (you loved it); Erika for being the doll that you are; and James for being the best layout editor I have ever come across. You twelve people have proven to me that under-classmen are worth having around. For allowing me to flex my authoritative

it...do it well," I thank you. Many of you have bright and lengthy futures with the United States Penal System, and I hope you look forward to them almost as much as I do.

A college yearbook is entirely too important for the student body to allow it not to happen. In many ways this book met and surpassed my personal expectations (good Lord it actually came out), and I know that it is something to be proud of. As a student I know that I want every penny of my tuition accounted for, and for a yearbook publication that comes directly from my pocket-book, failure is not an option. There were entirely too many memories and emotions tied up in my book, our book, for me as editor to neglect my duties and allow that failure to happen. A past editor once said to me, "You just don't understand how hard it is, [and] there are more things than you can even imagine." I say to her and all future editors that while you may not be able to predict the flow of the year, you most certainly should make up your mind ahead of time that you will do the job before you no matter the difficulties you may face.

To the graduating class of 1998 my intentions were two-fold. I wanted to give you a piece of Dillard to carry with you from New Orleans to whatever heights your education is sure to carry you, and I hoped to show you the respect you now deserve as alumni members with the entire Dillard community serving as your audience. I congratulate your efforts and accomplishments, will miss those of you whom I consider true friends, and look forward to following in your footsteps in May of 1999!